**FORMAT FOR RURAL VOICES COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS**

**GREETING SCRIPT**
- The natural world is inspiring and a meaningful part of everyone's life here.
- What is it about a place that binds us to *that* spot, *that* soil, *that* mountain or river?
- This landscape in particular is absolutely inspiring. It is also challenging to live in!
- What words come to mind when you pause to think about this environment?
- If the community created a description of their relationship to Lake County land – what would it be?
- Whether land is owned or managed by state or federal agencies, what is it that makes us feel rooted enough to be stewards, to take care of this land we cherish and love?

Most of us would agree that natural resources and our surrounding environment have value, but what that value is—and how to protect it—is a good, on-going conversation to have. How do we take care of our common resources such as land, water, and air?

Let's explore our understanding of relationship to the land and our environmental values around the land. How can those values be expressed and reflected in and by individuals and our community?

So today's conversation's goal is to connect people to ideas about the land here and then to each other, not to push an agenda or arrive at consensus. Conversation is a powerful way to invite diverse perspectives, explore the questions you and we have about a topic. And strive through sharing -- to strengthen ideas and at the same time, the community.

**WHO'S HERE – Identify each other**
- Relationship to land: ranchers, townspeople, federal agency folks, grow crops,, recreate (fish, hunt, hike, etc.)

**SHOW PHOTOS & READ QUOTES FROM COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS**

**MAKING CONVERSATION GROUPS**
- Decide if we'll use mixed or like-backgrounds groups?
- Ideally 3-4 people/group

**REFLECTION PROCESS - sharing thoughts on and vision for the landscape**
- **First two phrases**
  - What does the word **nature** bring to mind?
  - What does **natural resource** bring to mind?
- **Process for reflecting on the prompt questions**
  1. Individually
  2. Shared
  3. Select top three for each questions
  4. Post under question
  5. Group discussion
  6. Re-group and distill words