This course will foster a common understanding and application of human dimensions of natural resource conservation. It will provide an overview of key concepts, methods, and practical applications; historical context and ‘must have’ tools for the natural resource professional’s toolbox. The course is based on a human dimensions framework and relies heavily on case study applications, including experiences of the participants, to demonstrate the benefits of addressing the human dimensions of conservation challenges.

**Course Objectives:**

After completion of this training, with the use of the training references and resources, participants will be able to:

- Provide a working definition of human dimensions, including key disciplines of the field
- Identify the overall need for human dimensions approaches and how they can be effectively integrated into management planning and decision making
- Describe key human dimensions application areas such as human-wildlife conflict, public participation, behavior change, and strategic communications
- List some of the tools and methods used to address these application areas and know where to find human dimensions resources
- Frame conservation problems more broadly to include the human dimensions elements
- Describe, through examples, how human dimensions has been useful in addressing specific management challenges

**Target Audience:**

Natural resource practitioners and decision makers who deal with people-related conservation challenges. This includes mid to upper-level managers, field biologists, education and outreach specialists, visitor services staff and outdoor recreation planners.