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**WHAT WOULD LINCOLN DO?
150 Years After the Morrill Act**

*“The Critical Value of Extension in Translating
Agricultural Research”*

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

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ABSTRACT

The extension component of the land-grant university mission sets these public institutions apart from all others by focusing on how research can be translated to practical application. Originally created in 1862 by the Morrill Act, land-grant universities formally added Cooperative Extension in 1914 with passage of the Smith-Lever Act. President Lincoln, who signed the Morrill Act while the Nation was in the midst of a Civil War might be asked what he would do today to ensure a safe and affordable food supply, healthy people and families, sustainable natural resources, and community economic vitality. The presentation will summarize how transformational education offered through Cooperative Extension programs nationwide is at the core of assuring research results get in the hands of those who need them most. National outcomes statements related to such emphasis areas as agricultural production, human nutrition, and youth civic engagement will be highlighted. What would Lincoln do? Invest in Cooperative Extension capacity. Blend high touch, community-based educational opportunities with cutting edge high tech ones, and prioritize programs to focus on changed behavior.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Douglas L. Steele, Ph.D. is Vice President for External Relations and Director of Extension for Montana State University. Prior to his appointment as Director of Extension, Doug was at Colorado State University where he had been Assistant Director and State 4-H Program Leader. He has also served as an Extension Specialist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Purdue University, and previously held various Extension positions within the Texas A&M University system, including county agent, county director and subject-matter specialist. Awards of distinction received include: Visionary Leadership Award, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Montana State University Extension, F. A. Anderson Distinguished Service Award, Colorado State University, and Superior Service Award, United States Department of Agriculture. Doug is currently chair of the national Extension Committee on Organization and Policy which provides leadership and direction to the national Extension system. Steele holds a doctoral degree in educational human resource development from Texas A&M University. Doug and his wife Lori have four kids and enjoy spending their free time hiking, camping and enjoying the outdoors.

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