CHAPTER 23

Suggested Activities

1. **AS AN INDIVIDUAL**
   
a. Read a general book on ethics twice a year. Discuss it with friends, pass it around, and mark especially useful passages. (see Suggested Reading below)

b. Try to read an article a month on ethics issues.

c. Consider writing ethics cases for discussions.

d. At coffee breaks, informally bring up ethics questions to discuss.

e. If you work in a licensing/registration state, check the state ethics code to be sure you know of any differences from your profession’s Code or other codes for natural resource professionals.

f. Other?

2. **AT YOUR WORKPLACE**

a. Start a monthly lunchroom “brown bag seminar” at which some current ethical topic in the news will be discussed.

b. Post your own profession’s Ethics Code on the bulletin board in your work area.

c. At staff meetings and in discussions of operational problems, raise the ethical questions when they come up – don’t wait for someone else to do it. (You don’t have to have the answer – just try to start a discussion when you think it is needed.)

d. Pass around articles, cases, or sources on ethics to colleagues occasionally.
e. See if your organization has a Code of Ethics, an ethics officer, or other ethics program. If not, should they?

f. Support ethical behavior and leadership when you observe it.

g. Find a mentor to whom you can bring work-related ethical questions.

3. AS A MEMBER OF YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY

a. Ask program chairs to include ethics sessions/discussions at meetings.

b. Volunteer to set up a discussion of a current topic at a chapter meeting. Learn who is active on this issue in your area and volunteer to help.

c. Suggest cases for posting/discussion in your State Society Newsletter.

d. Write short articles on ethical issues for professional newsletters, journals, or other publications.