

# PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

## Forest Professionals

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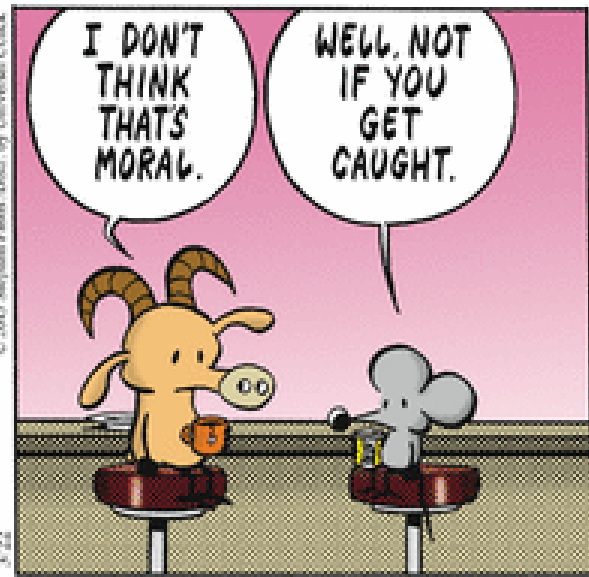
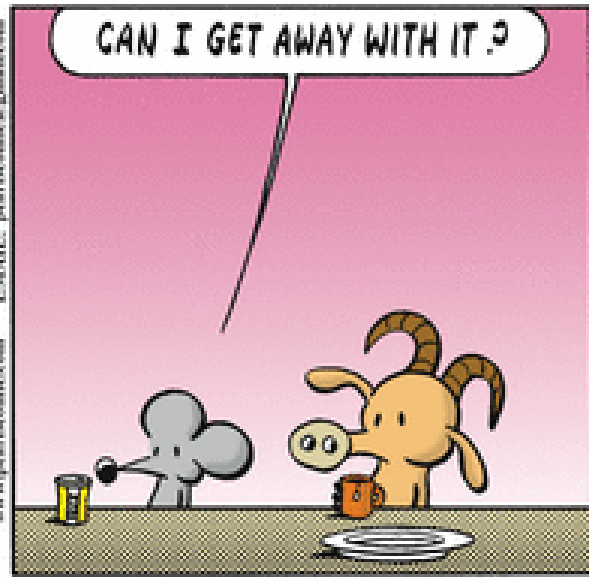
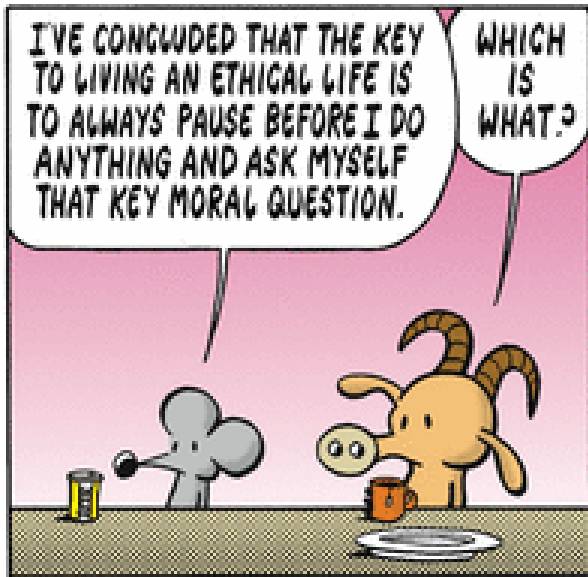
# What is an “Ethic”?

- Ethic: A set of moral principles
- Ethical: Relating to morals, especially concerning human conduct

# What is a “Moral”?

1. Concerned with goodness or badness of human character or behavior, or with the distinction of right or wrong.
2. Concerned with accepted rules and standards of human behavior

Oxford Dictionary





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# What is a **Professional**?

Engaged in a specified activity as one's main paid occupation rather than as an amateur.

Worthy of or appropriate to a professional person; competent, skillful, or assured.

# What are Ethics to a FOREST Professional?

There are two different sets of ideas governing Forest Professionals in Alberta:

**A CODE of ETHICS and PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**



1. Retain the Productivity of Forest Lands
2. Provide Competent Forestry Services
3. Foster Public Safety, Health and Welfare
4. Show Professional and Personal Integrity
5. Address Conflicts of Interest
6. Improve the Practice of Forestry
7. Maintain Confidentiality

College of Alberta Professional Foresters

In British Columbia, they separate the two:  
**The Professional Standards** are similar to those in Alberta

## **The Code of ETHICS:**

- A member has responsibilities to:
  - 2.1. The public;
  - 2.2. The profession;
  - 2.3. His/her client or the employer;
  - 2.4. Other members

The responsibility of a member to the public is:

3.1. To advocate and practice good stewardship of forest land based on sound ecological principles to sustain its ability to provide those values that have been assigned by society.

3.2. To uphold professional principles above the demands of employment.

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Society/Public

Personal  
Ethics

Professional  
Ethics



As professionals, how do we balance our professional ethics and obligations

With

The expectations of societies we operate in

As

Mediated/complicated by government