

BAM Zone: Ul'kan Forestry Enterprise

It is hard to imagine that just a scant ten years ago this area was virgin taiga. Its peace was disrupted by the builders of the Baykal-Amur Trunk Railway Line (BAM). The Ul'kan forestry enterprise was then built in the BAM zone. It had a stable workforce with practically no labour turnover.

The workers' wages are no lower than those in neighbouring enterprises. This is the direct result of good labour organization. Particular attention is paid here to everyday conditions, living conditions. The workers' houses have central heating, piped in water and practically all of them have a small vegetable plot.

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Environmental Watch: Lake Baykal\*

The second conference - out of town this time - of the Interdepartmental Lake Baykal Natural Conservation Commission took place at Baykal'sk. The Commission was created by a decree of the Central Committee of the CPSU (Communist Party, Soviet Union) and the Council of Ministers USSR entitled "Measures to Ensure the Conservation and Rational Use of Natural Resources in the Lake Baikal Basin from 1987 to 1995".

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