

their assignments for harvesting coniferous seeds with improved hereditary properties. In all, 22 of the 35 nurseries have soil with low fertility, with the result that protective afforestation is currently ineffective. In the Buryat ASSR 1,180 hectares of protective forest stands of one and two years of age have been allowed to die. This is 46 per cent of the stands established in the reporting year. Of the one year-old erosion-control stands only 42 per cent have survived. This is the lowest index for the RSFSR.

In the forests of the Basin the volumes of fire prevention and control work need to be sharply stepped up. In a number of forestry enterprises the proportion of the plantings consisting of concentrated woodlands and thus extremely dangerous in terms of fire hazard exceeds 80 per cent. Despite this, working plans for the prevention and control of fires have not been drawn up in many of the basin's enterprises.

The Instructions on Improvement Fellings in the Forests of Lake Baikal Basin have not yet been ratified, nor have the proposals for amending the Felling Regulations been discussed. Insufficient attention is being paid by the Buryat and Irkutsk associations to the organization and construction of the proposed Trans-Baikalian and Baikalian national parks.

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