Restructuring of Logging Operations Near Lake Baykal

Silence reigns in the dense coniferous forests of the coastal zone of Lake Baykal in the Buryat ASSR. The routes taken by the powerful logging trucks and the usual paths followed by the felling crews from the four large logging enterprises administered by the "Zabaykalles" Production Association in Buryatiya, have all been changed.

Felling operations have been prohibited on an area of more than three million hectares where logging used to be carried out annually. The Itantsinskiy and Baykal'skiy logging enterprises will start to harvest timber in forests located beyond the water protective zone in the eastern regions of the autonomous republic. The Klyuevskiy logging enterprise, which is located very close to the lake itself, will be given a new production specialty. Foresters have begun reforestation projects in the snow-covered Baykal taiga. This year eight comprehensive forestry enterprises will be established here.

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