

5. The Sevkavproektmebel' (Northern Caucasus Furniture Design, Research and Production Association).

The Guzerpil Experimental Logging and Timber Enterprise has been transferred from the jurisdiction of the Central Research Institute for Mechanical and Electrification in Forest Exploitation to the Maikop Furniture and Wood-Processing Association known as Druzhba.

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An Appeal to End the Free-Floating of Logs on the Northern Dvina

Local inhabitants recall that in the nineteen fifties the Vaga River was so full of fish that boys could catch enough for a fish stew in 15 minutes. Today there is no point in trying to fish here because there is nothing to catch. The black butts of submerged logs jut out of the water for almost the entire length of the river, rotting pieces of logs lie in the bushes along its shores, and many cubic metres of timber are buried beneath sandbars.

Logs float downstream from spring to autumn. Several large timber farms harvest the timber, transport it to the banks of the Vaga and its tributaries, split it up, slashing off the crowns and butt ends (which, incidentally, are often left at the cutting sites), and toss them into the water, where