

at the enterprises are not being used in production and an even larger quantity of felled timber is being consumed as fuel.

We are talking about "foliage", the top and lop in the felling areas, prunings, and the lumpy and soft wastes from sawmilling and woodworking operations. If these resources were diverted instead into the pulp production process or to board mills, and if, instead of natural wood we were to use plywood and paperboard, it would not be necessary to cut down our forests indiscriminately. They could be preserved for generations to come and there would be a marked improvement in the ecological situation.

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Strike Action Contemplated in Buryat Republic to Protest the Timber Deficit

The Workers' Council of the "Buryatmebel" Woodworking and Furniture Manufacturing Association (BWFMA) has just held a special session in which the wood supply situation was discussed. The following resolution was adopted after almost five hours of debate: 'Unless there is a change in the attitude of "Zabaikalles" and its timber industry enterprises towards the supplying of "Buryatmebel", the Council will call upon the collectives in the woodworking shops to stop work.'

What was it that compelled the Workers' Council to use the language of ultimatum in dealing with the higher authorities? A catastrophic