

on board, he dumps it on the fire and thereby eliminates the focus. Today, the most suitable aircraft for forest protection is considered to be the Polish "Dromedary". At that, even though it carries a ton of water, the latter is jettisoned over an area from 20 to 30 metres wide and 300 to 400 metres long and there is practically no effect. Studies are now underway with respect to the use of An-26 aircraft in the form of a cargo variant with much larger capacities for the extinguishing of fires. The Il-76 has been identified as a potentially promising aircraft in forest protection work. But all this comes under the heading of long-range targeting."

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Complaint about Management of Forest Resources in Belorussia

Although much has been said recently about the need for improvements in the working arrangements, the number of unresolved problems has not diminished. In the Belorussian Republic the forest resources which are under the jurisdiction of our Ministry of Forestry comprise only 80.7 per cent of the total area of currently and potentially exploitable forest land. The remainder have been placed in the charge of non-specialized ministries and departments. They extend over a considerable area, almost 1,600,000 hectares, that is, every fifth hectare. It is extremely difficult to form an opinion about the standard of forest management in this fifth part, for in point of fact there are no