

the special TLP-4 fire-fighting tractor into service has been delayed (and Lesnaya promyshlennost' has written about this more than once)."

"Alas, as in years past, we are forced to conclude that some officials are irresponsible. Thus, for example, the fire in the Svetlovskii Forest District of the Bodaibo Forestry Enterprise, Irkutsk Oblast, was officially registered on May 7. But as early as April, some smoke from burning peat at the location of an abandoned wood fire was observed seven to ten kilometers from the settlement of Perezov, where the forest district (headquarters) and the Prilenskoe Air Detachment are located. But neither the forest district personnel nor the air detachment personnel took prompt action. Comrade Sukhorukov, the air observer, responded to appeals made by the forest district to the air detachment by replying that the fire was in the zone of ground responsibility, that the smoke-jumpers were resting after having just extinguished a different fire, and that there was no helicopter and other equipment for landing the smoke-jumpers. The helicopter did not arrive at the air detachment until 1630 hours on May 8; then men were sent to the fire when it had already spread to 30 hectares. Three bulldozers and ten men arrived from 'Lenzolota' - but not until May 10, after a decision on the matter had been taken by the rayon Emergency Fire-fighting Commission. As a result of these tardy actions, the fire was not put out until May 13, after it had spread over an area of 2,700 hectares of forest and 400 hectares of non-forest. On the order of the Irkutsk Directorate of Forestry, A. M. Kolpakov, the Director of the Bodaibo Forestry Enterprise, and V. F. Malyshev, the enterprise's Chief Forester, were severely reprimanded and the responsibility of the acting forester, D. N. Vintskovskaya, was made the subject of an investigation.