

Andreev. "We have already approached the government on two occasions with a request that additional funds be allocated for the purpose of retaining a nucleus of specialists and increasing the material incentives offered to them. Until now, however, we have not received any support. Although a salary increase from 90 to 120-130 roubles has been authorized, this is unfortunately because of a staff cut."

Korovin. "The way out of this situation seems to be to include aerial protection of the forests in the State Order (Goszakaz) and resort to State budgetary norms for its funding. It cannot be made dependent on the profitability of forestry enterprises and the day-to-day results of their economic activity. It is another thing altogether that the State, in allocating funds for forest protection, should receive compensation in the form of a payment for forest use."

Barsukov. "Fire protection of the forests might also be financed from a special fund, although at present this doesn't exist. It could be variously named, for example, an Insurance Fund or a Reserve Fund. There are also the widely levied fines and penalties for starting forest fires. These monies are currently escaping into the budget and it is as if we have been disinherited of them. It would be much more beneficial to channel them into such a Fund, organized on a District, Oblast, Republic, or perhaps even an All-Union scale. In the RSFSR alone, fines and penalties annually amount to between 45 and 50 million roubles. Yet for aerial protection in the current year it is planned to allocate about 89 million roubles from the budget. If only half of the monies being received from fines were placed in the Fund and the promotion of fire protection activity