

A. "The expansion of sovereign rights, self-management and self-financing will undoubtedly enhance the responsibility of the union republics for efficient resource utilization. But it is extremely important here to determine the competence of the USSR in the disposal and use of natural resources of national importance. For this is exactly what the total area of land and water in the charge of the State forestry service is.

The State Committee for Forestry must reserve the right both to manage this area and determine the extent of forest utilization, having regard to the make up and condition of the stands and their ecological role in the various regions, and to supervise State monitoring of the condition, utilization, reproduction, conservation and protection of forests.

The State must assume responsibility for the strategic direction of the development of forestry, the working out of long-term concepts, the provision of scientific support, and the training of forestry specialists. In addition, the USSR State Committee for Forestry must continue to fulfill the functions of distributing the State order and planning All-Union measures that will ensure efficient forest utilization.

All this will in no way infringe on the rights of the union republics, who will retain control over direct economic activity in the forest, and be responsible for directing the whole complex of productive work, both in relation to the conduct of forestry and the social development of enterprises.