

Thirdly, there is some confusion as to who is the master of the forest. Independent loggers and organizations flock to the Krasnoyarsk Kray and to the Sakhalin Oblast from all over the country. The timber logged in this way is used in agriculture. Surely it would make more sense to establish specialized plants for the production of agricultural items within the Ministry itself.

Production plans have to be kept in line with reality. A minimum of at least 50% of the profit accrued should remain at the enterprise.

Logging of Siberian pine forests must be stopped. Felling operation across the country, starting in Sakhalin, should be curtailed.

The practice of dynamiting stumps must also be stopped.

Finally, my main concern, - something must be done to protect the forest from fire. The government and the Ministry have to spend more money on firefighting equipment.

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The logging plan in the Komi ASSR is oriented primarily on the extraction of conifers but over the last few years we have been growing more than 40% hardwoods in our "plantations". Logging enterprises, therefore, while harvesting conifers, tend to leave a great deal of valuable hardwood timber standing or even trampled under the caterpillar treads.