

Meanwhile, fellings in the Angara region are increasing at record rates. And they are finding excuses for this: the Boguchanites have to produce saw timber for export, and since there are many overmature stands in the region, they fell them.

Specialists claim that, given the current rates of felling and sophisticated technology, the reserves of Angara timber will be sufficient for 28 to 30 years. Already, the Pinchuga, Inbakhinskii, Govorkovo and Osinovskii lespromkhoz are finding that their raw material resource base is running out.

In addition to all this, the region has been literally taken hostage by independent logging operators. More than thirty of these dwarf organizations have latched onto the Angara pine, and every year they are taking a million cubic metres from the taiga. Their behaviour is barbaric: they remove the wood from the felling areas only when things go without a hitch.

The workers of the collective are up in arms against this policy. They grumble and hold protest meetings. It appears that both the First Secretary of the CPSU District Committee, A.T. Obukhov, and the Chairman of the District Executive Committee V.N. Vekshin, who were formerly directors of lespromkhoz and are aware of the worth of timber, will have to support them and raise the question point blank. Unfortunately, in Obukhov's presentation not a word was said about this problem of problems.

One who did seize the opportunity when speaking at the conference was I.A. Kirillov, the General Director of "Krasnoyarsklesprom", who made the following remark: "We shall be offering additional financial incentives to loggers for effort on the job".

But how can they exert themselves any more than they already are? The Secretary of the Party organization of the Angara lespromkhoz A.A. Sidorov informed the delegates that the entire collective of the enterprise had protested against the new apportionment for 1989. The lespromkhoz has an extraction capability of 345,000 cubic metres, but