

The leading forestries, the Korsinskoe and Sababashskoe, are now working on their last few hectares. The main pieces of equipment are now distributed over those areas where the soil has just thawed. Teams from the Leninskoe and Meshsbashskoe forestries, which plan to establish more than 10 hectares of plantations this spring and to plant large areas of ravines and gullies, are well-placed for conducting their planting operations. Additional equipment had to be supplied so that the work could be done in the most conducive period. There were only just enough machines to go around. This was particularly true of the Leninskoe forestry.

"As soon as planting is completed in one area and the equipment is freed up, we send it off to cutcover areas further afield", Amerkhanov notes. "The teams do everything by hand in places where the equipment can't get to."

The teams in the Sabinskiy logging enterprise even plant the trees by hand. On certain days from 40 to 50 workers go out to the plots to fill in the new stands. The local school children are eager to help as well: the spring planting season helps them develop a mature attitude towards the forest and nature.

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Officials in the Krasnoyarsk Forestry Administration are worried because the winter has dragged on for so long. "The snow has still not melted in the taiga, the roads are so bad that we can't reach the planting sites"