

caterpillar tracks. Four years later, when people return to these areas, the undergrowth has not grown up again.

Resinous stumpwood harvesting operations also had a very detrimental effect on the water regime of the springs and sources of the Arsen'evka river, which is the main spawning river in the area. The repeated clearing of the skidding trails and loading stations at the felling sites caused all sorts of problems: intensive evaporation; landslides; lowering of the water table; and, most importantly, the destruction of the water balance. As a result of this, the flow of water in the Arsen'evka has been unable to provide the normal supply of moisture to the rice fields over a number of years.

Scientists believe that a reduction of the area under forest in the mountains of the Primorskiy Kray to a level below the minimum limit, would be intolerable, since this would bring on violent flooding which would be disastrous for the economy.

The Primorskiy Kray Executive Committee of the CPSU has, on several occasions, called for the rational utilization of the timber limits and allowable cut, and has issued decrees on the necessity of stopping the Anuchino and Sergeevo logging enterprises from overcutting the allowable cuts. The committee also raised the issue of reducing the annual removal of coniferous timber.

A little progress has already been made in this direction. Logging Siberian nut pines is categorically forbidden in sixteen of the Primorskiy Kray's logging enterprises. "Clear" felling, leaving small and inferior trees standing, is forbidden in all Primorskiy Kray forests, in an attempt to improve