

TRANSPORT RAIL

Fevral'sk-Tungala Section of the BAM Railway Opened for Regular Use

If you look at the map, you can see how difficult it was for the construction crews to lay railway lines to Tungala. The railroad crosses swamplands and cuts across many streams. Skalistaya Mountain, beside which a siding of the same name is already in operation, also rises on its path. The section has two large stations - Dugda and Fevral'sk. A third station - Tungala - is slated to be opened next year.

L. Alekseev, chief engineer for rail traffic services, has stated that when this section is transferred to the Ministry of Railroads it will reduce freight costs, and consequently will also reduce the State subsidy to the Baikal-Amur Railway. The section was opened on schedule and both its sidings and stations will be operational this winter; the railway personnel have received housing, electricity, and heat - everything required for normal living conditions and the operation of the railroad. A suburban passenger train is already travelling between Fevral'sk-Tungala. A new passenger route - Tynda-Fevral'sk - will soon appear on the schedule, enabling passengers to travel on the Baikal-Amur Railway as far as Komsomol'sk-na-Amure.

The streets still have no names in the settlement near Dugda station, known to the railway construction workers only by name. One street may be named after the "patrons" - the workers of the specialized mobile mechanized construction unit, Moldavbamstroi. V. Gorbunov, head of the Baikal-Amur