

Committee for Forestry - Goskomles, Academician A.S. Isaev, in the course of an interview with the magazine "Agitator" - No. 17 (1988)).

Given this situation, the number of forest inspectors should be immediately increased. Even a small fraction of the fines that are levied would be sufficient to pay for them. If this were done, rather than just spotting the violators from an aircraft, it would be possible to catch them redhanded. It used to be that a part of the money raised from fines was used to remunerate the forest warden. Today, all these sums are credited to the budget of the republic. In any case, the wardens are not interested in fining people, since their best showing is to have the smallest number of forest offenses.

Currently, a forest warden's rate of pay, we are ashamed to say, is 80 roubles a month. What self-respecting breadwinner will want to bide his time in the forest for such a pittance!

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Fire Prevention and Control - Aerial Patrols to be Made More Efficient

(Excerpt from an interview with Petr Fedorovich Barsukov, Deputy Minister of Forestry for the RSFSR and Head of the State Forestry Inspectorate of the RSFSR)