

Currently, the associations in the Tyumen, Tomsk and Kostroma regions are similarly getting ready for winter. There are, however many associations where a slipshod attitude prevails towards this vitally important task. They include "Dal'lesprom", "Amurlesprom", "Primorsklesprom" and "Komilesprom". It is true that they are swamped with various kinds of papers, instructions and directives, not to mention the numerous conferences and working sessions. But all this verbosity is no substitute for real work.

While we at the Ministry have no intention of issuing orders to production units in the field, we are surprised at the position taken by a number of their "commanders", who are becoming their own worst enemies. Perhaps they fail to see that it is exceedingly difficult to make up for winter arrears in the summer: roads have lost their bearing capacity, the pace of work has slowed, employees are going on vacation and workers' collectives are adopting a resolution calling for a five-day rather than a six-day working week.

Despite the fact that in the current year we have introduced additional material incentives to accelerate production in the summer months, no particular enthusiasm is manifest. At the time of writing the sector is behind on the extraction plan by approximately two million m^3 .

To return to the discussion about preparations for the coming winter, we have reached agreement with the associations in the field on the recommended volumes of the main activities and providing them with technico-economic support. Here are the principal figures:

It is planned to do the following:

- Fulfill enhanced production volumes - 50 million m^3 of timber haulage and 46.3 million m^3 of merchantable timber production in the fourth quarter of 1990, the corresponding figures for the first quarter of 1991 being 90 million and 64.5 million m^3 respectively;