

In view of the foregoing, a forest resource base for the conduct of industrial logging will only last for 10 to 20 years more at best. So what kind of long-term lease can this be? We are not opposed to restructuring in forestry, nor to the creation of integrated enterprises, but thoughtless decisions can inflict major damage here. It is necessary to make a precise estimate of the economic advantage of transferring the forest farms to the logging enterprises in the Sakhalin Oblast. Why repeat the mistakes of the past?

We believe that the improvement of forestry operations in the Sakhalin Oblast will not come about by merging forest farms and logging enterprises, but by strengthening the resource base for supplying the forest farms with materials and machinery.

(Article signed by the Director of the Aleksandrovo Forest Farm, the Secretary of the Party Organization and the Chairman of the Trade Union Committee)

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Deputy Minister Argues for Unified Management of Forestry and the Timber Industry

For many years now a debate has been under way in the periodic press between representatives of the timber industry and forestry concerning the condition and the paths of development of these sectors, which are closely linked in the production sense.