

specify in detail what the single master of the forest should be like. But one can say with every certainty that the main element of a single forest complex must be a type of forestry operation that is indivisibly tied to the timber industry.

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Required to Preserve Our Forests

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I often travel to Siberia, the Urals and to the Archangel, Kirov and other regions of the USSR in connection with my work. This year I travelled along logging roads from Bratsk to Krasnoyarsk. The trip gave me the unsettling impression that the taiga no longer existed per se. Instead, there are just bald hills (as in the Krasnoyarsk Kray, for example). Reforestation is not doing very well here because of the stony soils. There is a great deal of good-quality abandoned logs here as well. There are Angara pines with thirty-metre-long trunks. One could tentatively estimate that there are about thirty cubic metres of scrap lumber for every kilometre of road. A lot of commercially low-grade timber (coniferous wood at that) is simply piled up and burnt, after cross-cutting. This is done practically everywhere.

You can't help but ask yourself: why, given the numerous radio and television broadcasts and informative articles in the papers, hasn't any