Association in the protection, regeneration and rational utilization of local forests, asked these organizations together with the judicial organizations to increase the punishment meted out to local citizens and enterprises for infringements of forestry regulations, to ensure that the entire forest area is looked after by the air services. and to increase protection measures on the ground. It was noted at the Oblast Council meeting that "the ecological situation in the area over past years has become increasingly problematic, particularly in the North." Ushakov, the Chairman of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug Executive Committee, noted that the pace of industrial penetration into the environment in this Okrug, which is a main oil-producing region, far exceeds the extent to which the checking organizations are conducting their operations. The activities of these organizations are highly generalized and mostly amount to either prohibitions or summations of faits accomplis.

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Large Forest Machinery Association Under New Management Conditions

Of the twenty-seven RSFSR Ministry of Forestry enterprises that switched over to the full profit-and-loss accounting system (khozraschet) as of January 1, 1988, fourteen are "Rosleskhozmash" (RSFSR Forestry Machinery) Association plants. This means that the "Rosleskhozmash" Association is the largest self-financing pioneer in the Russian forestry sector. All the more reason to be interested in how the workers and directors of this Association are finding this new management system, how they are solving their difficulties, and what kind of problems they are facing.