Future of Russian forests

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Russian forests are:

- The largest forest stocks in the world – over 20% global stocks.

- The biggest territory of boreal forests - 70% of global forests.

- The biggest volume of carbon sequestrated by forests annually – about 25% of carbon being stored by world forests.

- The biggest capacity for economic, environmental and social development of the country and solution of global problems.
Key principles of the Forest policy

State policy concerning the use, protection, conservation and regeneration of forests is aimed at the maintenance and growth of forests, maximal meeting the demands of Russian citizens in high-quality forest products and services. It also aims at the development of state-level conditions that enable sustainable and dynamic forestry.

Goals

- In economics: achieving maximum gross domestic product in forest sector while maintaining the balance of environmental and social concerns, promoting competitiveness and modernisation of forest
- In environment: creation of favourable environment for population, preservation of biodiversity of forest and other ecosystems, implementation of resource-saving and green technologies
- In social sphere: improvement of living standards of people related of forests, creation of new and better jobs, higher social security

Key directions

- to acknowledge and observe the people’s right to use the natural resources and live in the healthy environment, to receive reliable forest information;
- to provide the balance of economic, environmental; and social interests;
- to ensure sustainable forest use and preservation of state and municipal forest area;
- to keep the forests in state ownership and develop the private-ownership forest sphere;
- to ensure the liability of state and local authorities for their powers in forestry on the relevant territories;
- to carry out the coordinated management of forests and bordering areas;
- the registrate the social and economic, climatic and environmental features of the RF constituent members;
- to involve citizens in forest planning and events;
- to ensure the coherence backing and consistency sequence in the forest management decision-making process;
- Enhancing the role and competitiveness of the Russian Federation in the global forest sector.
Forest science and education are crucial in the innovative development of forestry in Russia as well as in the finding new data on the forest ecosystems. These data are the basis for forest management.

- **Necessary:**
  - Upgrading the forest science
  - Better prestige of forest science
  - Better attractiveness for young specialists

- **State support**
  - By higher targeted funding of research centres
  - Supporting the manufacturers of forest products which co-finance research in forestry
  - Advancing the innovations-and-technology centres and pilot plants
  - Holding national and international events aimed at better attractiveness of research in forest sector

- **Integration of forest science and education** through the opening of research laboratories and centres, research forest clusters, research projects and designs of young scientists and academia
Thank you!