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**Forest Legislation in the Russian Federation and the Rovaniemi Action Plan**

**Key documents**
- Basic Principles of State Policy in the Field of Use, Protection, Conservation and Regeneration of Forests for the Period up to 2030 (RF Government Resolution No. 1724-п as of September 26, 2013)
- Draft Strategy for the Forest Industry Development in the Russian Federation for the Period up to 2030 (September 2017)

**Forest Policy Goals**

**Economic**
- Effective Forest Economy
- GDP Growth in Forest Sector

**Environmental**
- Friendly environment
- Conservation of Biospheric Role of Russian Forests

**Social**
- Better well-being standards of people employed in Forest Sector
- Sustainable Development of Forest Land

**FOREST POLICY PRINCIPLES**
- Effective Forestry Sector Management
- Intensive Forest Use Model
- Mature Domestic Market
- Increased Competitiveness of Forestry Industry
- Efficient Protection and Conservation of Forests
- Good-quality Regeneration of Forests
- Increased Environmental Role of Forests
- High Scientific, Technological and Staff Potential
- Development of International Cooperation
- Citizen Input in Forest Policymaking
Pillar A. Sustainable Production and Consumption of Forest Products (A0, A2)

- Government Programme “Industrial Growth and Increase of Industry Competitiveness” (Decree of the RF Government No. 328 as of April 15, 2014), Subprogram 11 “Forest Industry Complex”
- Sustainable Growth in the Core Forest Products (Unprocessed Timber, Sawn Wood, Fiberboard, Plywood, Pulp, Pellets) in 2014-2017

Priority investment projects in forestry

- 139 forestry investment projects with a total AAC of 78 million cubic meters

Subsidies for forest-and-timber enterprises

- Subsidies to enterprises
- Subsidies for stockpiling seasonal stocks of raw and consumable materials

Non-monetary support

- Better cooperation with executive government bodies of the RF territorial entities
- Removing mala fide investors from the eligible list
- Implementation of the program for the forest-industry sector promotion

Non-monetary support
Making decisions on Priority Investment Projects in forestry

Claims received  Agreed  Refused

7  5  8  8  8  12  13  32
15  39  29  34  36  35  26  34
44  37  42  44  47  39  39  34
66
Interdepartmental interaction by formulating a Strategy for Forest Sector Development 2030

Expert Advisory Board (EAB) under the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation
Discussion and approval of prepared materials

EAB Task Forces for Product Segments
Discussion of segment-related materials


Relevant Federal executive authorities, Federal state unitary enterprises, Federal agencies

Associations

Sectoral Research Institutes

Sectoral Enterprises

Contractors: Advisory Consortium under the Strategy Partners Group

- Timber recording and labeling, logging and recording of timber trade contracts
- Unified State Automated Information System for Recording of Timber and Timber Trade Contracts (EGAIS).

From March 1, 2017 the register of mala fide forest users is being made by Rosleskhoz.

As of December 31, 2017 5.5 million documents are stored in EGAIS:

- Lease contracts – 159,000
- Woodland purchase and sale contracts – 2,600,000
- Forest declarations – 338,000
- Forest use reports – 2,300,000
- Government contracts – 35,000, etc.
Pillar A. Sustainable Production and Consumption of Forest Products (A4, C1, C5)

- Young Scientists Conference
- Young Scientists Board
Fulfilment of the Russian Federation’s commitments resulting from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Kyoto Protocol

Basis: *Climate Doctrine of the Russian Federation* (Government Resolution No. 861 as of December 17, 2009)

- Concept for creating a **system for monitoring, accounting and control of greenhouse gas emissions** in the Russian Federation (Government Resolution Resolution No. 716 as of April 22, 2015).

- Plan for realization of measures aimed at improving **state regulation of greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for ratification of the Paris Agreement** (Government Resolution No. 2344 as of November 3, 2016)

- Plan for **adapting forests to climate changes**

- “**The Energy Strategy of Russia for the period up to 2035**” draft project was developed and passed through public consultations (revised on February 1, 2017)
Primary Actions Aimed at Enhancing Potential Greenhouse Gas Capture in Forests

1. Reduction of wood losses resulting from fires, influence of pests and diseases and other adverse impacts including illegal logging

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2. Extension of forest area through forest regeneration and afforestation

| ✓ Tending cutting | ✓ Establishing of fast-growing man-made forests |
| ✓ Planting stock selection for forest cultures | ✓ Transition to selective cutting |

3. Increase in forest productivity through tending operations incl. through adapting forest vegetation to climate change
Continuous extended professional education in forestry

Above 1,500 forestry executives and experts were trained in 2017.

Specialised Agreement with Trade Unions in the RF Forestry for 2016–2019

The purpose - outlining the general principles for regulating social and labor relations, wage and salary provisions, as well as guarantees, compensations and benefits for people employed in forestry.
Pillar C. Decent Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (C1, C3, C5)

Annual All-Russian Professional Competition
“The Best Forest Ranger”

Annual All-Russian Championship
“The Harvester”
Pillar C. Decent Green Jobs in the Forest Sector (C1, C3, C4, C5)

Annual International and All-Russian Junior Forest Contests

Annual All-Russian Session of Forest Schools

[Images of groups of students and forest-related events]
The Green Shield Law (Federal Law No. 353 as of July 3, 2016) took effect from January 1, 2017. The sixteen Russia’s regions decided to establish ‘green shields’ all around regional centers. A total of 1,500,000 ha of forests was registered within lands of settlements.
Pillar E. Policy Development and Monitoring of the Forest Sector in Relation to a Green Economy (E0, E2, A0, A1, A2, A7)

- State forest inventory
- Forest fire monitoring
- Forest health monitoring
- Forest management
- State forest register
- Forest use monitoring
FOREST FIRE DEVELOPMENT IN RUSSIA’S FOREST FUND LANDS IN 2000–2017

Number of forest fires

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PEST HARBORAGE AREAS IN 2000–2017

- 2000: 10.4
- 2001: 8.4
- 2002: 8.0
- 2003: 4.4
- 2004: 4.6
- 2005: 4.8
- 2006: 4.2
- 2007: 4.1
- 2008: 3.8
- 2009: 2.4
- 2010: 3.0
- 2011: 2.3
- 2012: 3.6
- 2013: 3.9
- 2014: 3.4
- 2015: 4.0
- 2016: 3.6
- 2017: 3.6
DEAD FOREST STAND AREAS IN 2000–2015

Dead forest stand area, thousand hectares

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The accounting on the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was assigned to the Federal Service of State Statistics.

The RF Ministries and Agencies will be responsible for supplying their relevant data.

Rosleskhoz will be responsible for providing data on the following indicators:

- **Indicator 15.1.1**: Forest area as a proportion of total land area
- **Indicator 15.2.1**: Progress towards sustainable forest management
- **Indicator 15.4**: Coverage by protected areas of important sites for mountain biodiversity
2017 – The Year of Ecology in Russia

159
federal activities carried out in 2017

953,000
hectares of forests restored nationwide in 2017

The Year of Ecology 2017
Basic Activities Plan

(RF Government Resolution No.1082 as of June 2, 2016)

BY 794,000
hectares – increase in the federal special protected natural areas in 2017

113
billion rubles allocated in 2017
Pillar E. Policy Development and Monitoring of the Forest Sector in Relation to a Green Economy (E0, E2)

**REFORESTED AREAS**

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Pillar E. Policy Development and Monitoring of the Forest Sector in Relation to a Green Economy (E4, D3)

Annual actions

- All-Russian Forest Planting Day
- “Live, Forest!”
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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