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This paper presents a draft Concept of the Federal Law "Forest Code of the Russian Federation", which outlines approaches to improving state forest management. These issues were widely discussed at scientific debates held by the Scientific Council of the Russian Academy of Forest Sciences in 2015–2019 years. The purpose of the bill is to improve the forest legislation of the Russian Federation, to bring it in line with changes in the state of forests, increasing their role in climate regulation and in providing other ecosystem services, as well as to promote further development of market relations in the country's economy. The Concept is based on the idea of transition from the use of natural forests as a source of timber to timber production on accessible forest lands. A significant place in the work is devoted to developing economic mechanisms that ensure the profitability of forestry in a market economy both through forest products and ecosystem services. Approaches to the further development of public and private forest management, the implementation of which will improve the efficiency of forest use, their protection and reproduction, are outlined. Legal mechanisms for improving the system of state forest management and ways of participating of the state and business in forestry development are proposed.

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