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On Nov. 11, Gustavo Carbajal Moreno, chairperson of the Chamber of Deputies' forest commission, said a proposal to protect Mexican forests will probably be discussed during the current legislative session. (For related story see SourceMex, 07/08/92.) According to Carbajal Moreno, the measure will address reforestation, conservation and forest management efforts. A key to the legislation, he said, would be to increase forest management responsibilities for the private sector and for local and federal government agencies. However, the proposed legislation drew criticism from the National Network of Campesino and Forestry Organizations (Red Nacional de Organizaciones Campesinas y Forestales). In a press conference on Nov. 16, spokespersons for the group said the plan does not allow sufficient input from the approximately 17 million citizens who live in or near Mexican forests. The group also expressed concern that the legislation does not give the government enough control in environmental management of the forests. (Source: Notimex, 11/11/92, 11/16/92)

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