

Red Alert issued for two Chilean communes due to forest fires



Santiago de Chile, February 3 (RHC)-- Chile's National Office for Emergency issued Sunday a Red Alert for the municipalities of Temuco and Lumaco after a forest fire broke out in the area.

Chilean authorities said the fire, dubbed "Tromen," has already affected four hectares in Temuco, the capital of the central Araucania region. The fire is close to the inhabited sectors of Lumaco, "high temperatures, humidity, and winds in the commune are leading to the spread of forest fires," the Office of Emergencies added.

"All necessary and available resources will be mobilized, in additional support to what has already been deployed by the [National Forest Corporation] Conaf, the firefighters, and the National Civil Protection System," the Emergency Office said.

The authorities confirmed that at the moment, five forest fires are active in the region, also keeping the red alert in the commune of Traiguén, in the Araucania region.

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