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FOREST FIRES HIT CUBA:

HAVANA, MAY 6, REUTER - TWO FORESST FIRES, FAVOURED BY A TWO-YEAR DROUGHT AND STRONG WINDS, HAVE DEVASTATED THOUSANDS OF HECTARES OF FOREST, THE OFFICIAL DAILY GRANMA REPORTED.

THE MOST SERIOUS, WHICH TE NEWAPAPER SAID IS VIRTUALLY UNDER CONTRROL, BEGAN LAST WEDNESDAY IN THE HEAVILY FORESTED ZAPARA SWAMP (CIENAGA DE ZAPATA) NEAR THE BAY OF PIGS (BAHIA DE COCHINOS) IN SOUTHERN CUBA.

GRANMA SAID THAT 12,000 HECTARES OF WOODED LAND, MUCH OF IT PART OF A REFORESTATION PROJECT, HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY LAST SSATURDAY

IN CIEGO DE AVILA PROVINCE TO THE EAST, A FIRE BURNED THROUGH 300 HECTARES OF FOREST ON THE MOUNTAINOUS LOMA DE CUNAGUA AND DESTROYED AN ESTIMATED THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION DOLLARS IN POTENTIAL LUMBER, GRANMA ADDED.

THE LOMA DE CUNAGUA, WHICH HAS AN AREA OF 2,350 HECTARES, IS A NATURAL HABITAT FOR PARROTS, KINGBIRDS (PITIRRE REAL), WOOD PIGEONS AND SPARROW HAWKS (GAVILAN).
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