



Chile hit by worst wildfire in modern history

Crawford & Company[®]'s adjusters in Chile and neighbouring regions have mobilised this week after wildfires swept through three regions of the country.

Almost 4,000 firefighters have been trying to contain the blaze, which affected a total area of almost 250,000 hectares by Friday 27 January.

Crawford[®]'s Vice President of Operations in Chile, Roberto Linderman, said: "The country is dealing with unprecedented conditions after the Metropolitan Region experienced 10 consecutive days with temperatures equal to or higher than 33°C. Crawford has dealt with over 100 losses so far, out of which 30 were brought under control, and the vast majority remained inaccessible due to the flames. Unfortunately, there have been nine casualties across the country."

Chilean authorities are deploying resources including 46 aircraft and helicopters belonging to different public entities in a bid to control the fire, with personnel from the Army, fire fighters of the National Forestry Corporation (Conaf), volunteer firemen, state-owned entities, town halls, government authorities, Intendancies and private companies all pitching in.

The Chilean Weather Service[®] forecasted that high temperatures will continue to occur during the coming days.

"Connectivity is always a challenge when such a wide area is affected, said Roberto. "The 5 Sur Highway (the country's largest highway) was partly interrupted."

Telecommunication sites remain out of service in two regions, namely the Regions of O'Higgins and Maule. Communications might remain unstable due to areas which are operating with generating sets.

Agricultural claims, particularly from the country's forestry and wine production industries are the likeliest losses going forward, with private properties and commercial premises also under threat.

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