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Bolivia has been grappling with significant tree cover loss, with recent data indicating a disturbing trend in the country's forests. Over the past two decades, Bolivia has experienced a net loss of 3,324,443 hectares in tree cover, which is about a 5.61% decrease from its original tree cover extent. Notably, shifting agriculture is the predominant driver, accounting for a substantial portion of the loss.

The year 2022 alone saw a staggering 595,996 hectares of tree cover loss, with shifting agriculture responsible for approximately 26.34% of this figure. Wildfires also contributed to the loss, although to a lesser extent. The latest incident from November 2, 2024, in the La Paz Department, underscores the ongoing challenge of wildfires in the region.

The cumulative effect of these losses is profound, not only in terms of biodiversity but also considering the carbon emissions associated with deforestation. As the country continues to face these environmental challenges, the data serves as a critical indicator of the urgency for sustainable land management and conservation efforts.