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Argentina has faced a significant challenge in maintaining its tree cover, with data indicating a net loss of over 3.50 million hectares, a 10.45% decrease in tree cover. The latest incident, a fire alert in La Pampa Province, adds to the ongoing struggle against deforestation and natural disturbances. Over the years, shifting agriculture and forestry activities have been the leading drivers of tree cover loss, contributing to the majority of the deforestation. Wildfires and urbanization, although less significant in terms of area, remain persistent issues. The country's tree cover extent, which stands at approximately 39 million hectares, has seen fluctuations, with notable losses in the early 2000s and a peak in tree cover loss in 2008. The recent years have shown a slight reduction in the rate of loss, yet the battle to preserve Argentina's forests continues.