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| **Massive forest fire in Nghe An due to hot weather**  *500 people were deployed to create firebreaks Saturday night to prevent a Nghe An forest fire spanning hundreds of hectares from spreading.*  The fire, which broke out Friday night in the north-central province’s Dien Chau District, raged throughout Saturday night, **engulfing** a large area of 30-year-old pine trees in Dien Loi Commune. Strong winds made it difficult to approach the fire.  For safety reasons, authorities have instructed firefighting forces, including soldiers, police officers and locals, **to retreat from big fire areas** and focus on creating firebreaks to prevent the **flames** from reaching residential areas and new forest patches.  Firebreaks are created by placing **inflammable obstacles** or clearing patches of land to prevent flames from spreading.  “Nearly two km of firebreaks, each 15m wide, have been created. 500 personnel have been stationed in multiple locations to make sure the flames do not breach the firebreaks. The situation is gradually being brought under control, and no family has had to be **evacuated**,” said a representative of Dien Chau District.  As of 8 a.m. Sunday, hundreds of personnel were still putting out small fires and being stationed in different locations to monitor the fire and prevent it from flaring up again.  While the district is yet to calculate the damage inflicted by the fire, around 200 ha of pine and acacia forest patches have been **incinerated** throughout over the last two days.  The **blaze** was sparked in a pine forest in Yen Thanh District’s Son Thanh Commune. High temperatures of up to 40 degree Celsius, along with the **foehn** effect, caused it to grow quickly, creating high columns of smoke and rendering firefighting efforts **futile**. The flames then spread to Dien Chau District’s Dien Phu Commune and Nghi Loc District’s Nghe Van Commune.  Central Vietnam has been experiencing serveral heat waves over the past month. The latest one began june 18, sending the **mercury** soaring up 41 degree Celsius. | **Engulfing/**en-guhlf**:** Nhấn chìm  **to retreat from big fire areas:** Rút lui khỏi các đám cháy lớn.  **flames/**fleim**:** Ngọn lửa.  **inflammable obstacles/**in-flei-tuh-ble ob-stuh-kuhl**:** Chướng ngại vật dễ cháy.  **Evacuated/** ih-vak-yoo-eyt**:** to leave empty/ di tản.  **Incinerated/** in-sin-uh-reyt: to burn/ thiêu rụi  **Blaze/**bleyz: fire, a bright flame.  **Foehn/**feyn: gió nôm.  **Futile/**fyoot-l: ineffective, useless.  **Mercury/**mur-kyuh-ree: Thủy ngân. |