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The fight against wildfires is an essential activity for the rich natural heritage of "Castilla y León". Because of this, the Regional Department of Environment created in 2003 the "Centro para la Defensa contra el Fuego (CDF)", Defence against the Fire Center, and entrusted it **training, environmental education and research** functions having to do with wildfires.

Since the CDF Center was established in october 2006, it has increased and developed its activity. It has a themed exhibit on wildfire named "Aula del Fuego", Fire Classroom, that supports the environment education activities.



estudios e investigación (research)



The technical team of the Center develops several research branches. The largest concentration is related to:

- fire behaviour analysis
- analization of the emergency fire response planning
- evaluation of its efficiency and effectiveness



formación (training)

As a training center, the CDF has a history of being a pioneer in its field for Spain. At the center, the wildfire prevention and response professionals are given specific courses. Just as the CDF has training activities for "Castilla y León", it also has developed activities for other regional and foreign organizations.



aula del fuego (fire classroom)

The permanent exhibition is spread on 660 m2. It has been created for use by different organized groups (education, professionals, associations) and the general public.

The exhibition path is set up in to three different spaces:

"Nuestros bosques", our forests: this exhibit invite us to learn about our forests and the value of its resources, to simulate the experience of being in a wildfire, and to know the direct outcomes of wildfire on the landscape.

"Defensa contra el fuego", defence against the fire: this second part offers a current view of the wildfire problem. It shows techniques and resources for prevention and suppression.

"Historias del fuego", fire histories: this room makes a trip throught our history, showing curious details about wildfire fighting.

An **audiovisual** explains the coordination of the fire response and the integration of suppression resources. There is also a place for **temporal exhibitions**.

