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Land-use planning is important for wildfire management, because it helps reduce the impact of fires on communities and the natural environment. By including wildfire risk in development plans, local governments can create safer, more resilient landscapes. One important part of land-use planning is the creation of defensible space around houses and other structures to ensure that vegetation is managed correctly and buildings are built with fire-resistant materials (Smith & Jones, 2021). This strategy can slow down a fire and help firefighters save homes and infrastructure.

Zoning regulations also play a significant role in wildfire management. For example, some high-risk areas can be marked as non-building zones, or construction can be managed to reduce the quantity of fuels (Brown, 2019). Proper zoning can prevent the building of homes in places that have more wildfire risks and can reduce danger to people and property.

These rules are not always applied consistently due to political and economic factors, and consequently wildfire risks are increased in some areas (Thompson, 2020). Additionally, many older communities were not designed with wildfire safety in mind, so it is hard to reduce risks in these communities.

Because climate change is making wildfire seasons more intense, it is important that planners include fire risk in their decisions. If they do not, consequences can be negative for both people and nature. Wildfires are a natural phenomenon, but with good planning, their impacts can be minimized (Johnson & Lee, 2022).