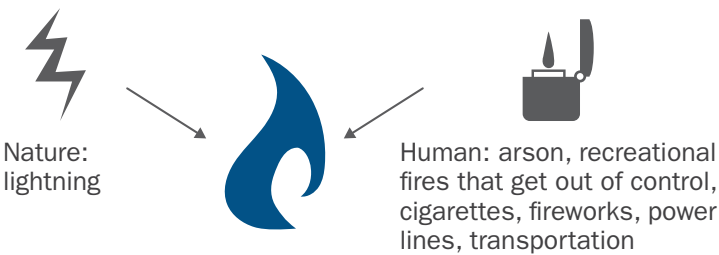


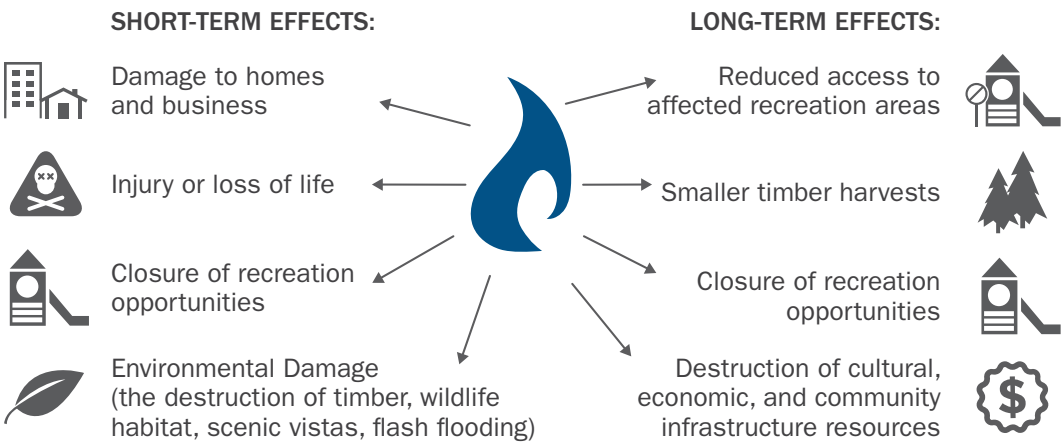
# WILDFIRE

Wildland fires are fires caused by nature or humans that result in the uncontrolled destruction of forests, brush, field crops, grasslands, and property.

## CAUSES



## IMPACTS



## Reducing Risk

### HOW I CAN REDUCE MY RISK

- Contact local officials to understand your risk
- Avoid building in areas at risk of wildfire
- Build with fire-resistant construction techniques
- Retrofit at-risk structures with non-flammable materials
- Create defensible space around structures and infrastructure
- Participate in your local Firewise Communities Program where applicable

### HOW LOCAL OFFICIALS CAN REDUCE MY RISK

- Map and assess vulnerability to wildfire
- Regulate development in the wildland-urban interface through land use zoning and building codes
- Require or encourage fire-resistant construction techniques
- Implement a fuels management program
- Participate in the Fire Adapted Communities program



## Definitions

**Wildland–Urban Interface (WUI):** the zone where structures and other human development meet and intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels. This WUI zone poses tremendous risks to life, property, and infrastructure in associated communities and is one of the most dangerous and complicated situations firefighters face.

Contact your local or state emergency management department for more information on wildfire risk reduction.

## Additional Resources

Ready.gov  
[www.ready.gov/wildfires](http://www.ready.gov/wildfires)

Firewise  
[www.firewise.org/](http://www.firewise.org/)

Fire Adapted Communities  
[www.fireadapted.org/](http://www.fireadapted.org/)

SouthWRAP  
[www.southernwildfirerisk.com/](http://www.southernwildfirerisk.com/)

