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Fire was common in the Appalachian region, which includes Covington, VA, prior to the 1900s. The natural fire regime in this area was characterized by frequent, low to moderate-severity fires ² ⁴.

Fires occurred at short intervals of a few years for centuries before the fire-exclusion era ⁴. These fires were especially common and spatially extensive in landscapes with large expanses of oak and pine forest, particularly in the Ridge and Valley province and the Blue Ridge Mountains ⁴.

The natural fire regime played a crucial ecological role, favoring fire-adapted species like oak and pine, which helped maintain a diverse forest structure and composition. It's important to note that the fire regime was not uniform across the



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entire region:

1. Frequency varied depending on factors such as climate, elevation, topography, vegetation, and human cultural practices ² .
2. While low to moderate-severity fires were common, there were also instances of high-severity fires driven by weather conditions ⁶ .

This mixed-severity fire regime created a mosaic of forest stands in different stages of succession, with a high proportion in relatively young stages prior to fire exclusion ⁶ . The frequent fires also prevented the encroachment of fire-sensitive, mesophytic species that are now becoming more dominant in the absence of regular burning ⁴ .

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