Subject: Cancel the Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory.

Discussion: Greenup has occurred across the area of concern. In addition, the forecast is for cooler temperatures and a damper pattern to somewhat alleviate the extreme fire danger across Interior Alaska.

Difference from normal conditions: The weather pattern has transitioned from one of extreme dry conditions and near record temperatures to forecasts for below normal temperatures and increased cloud cover across much of the central and eastern Interior early this week. Though fuels remain fairly dry, the cooler, damper pattern will moderate the extreme burning conditions that were observed during the last two weeks.

Concerns to Firefighters and the Public:

- Despite precipitation, some areas are still quite dry, and could present very high burning conditions within a day or two of sunshine and drying.

Mitigation Measures:

- Keep updated weather forecasts in hand and in mind when attacking fires.
- Ensure that briefings highlight any warm and dry weather that will again decrease fine fuel moisture.
- Alert initial attack personnel to the need for effective anchor points, and accessible safety zones.
- Escape into the black should be a primary consideration with wind and rapidly spreading surface fires.
- Keep the public apprised of changes to fuel conditions in the area around their houses and the difficulty of stopping them once they start.

Area of Concern: Tanana Valley, Upper Yukon Valley and Copper River Basin

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