

Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



- **Forecast:**

- Through the Interior and northern Alaska, early season fire potential is normal. South of the Alaska Range, fire potential is expected to be low through May. June will be normal statewide. The late fire season is questionable due to uncertainty of changes in the El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO).

- **Factors:**

- North of the Alaska Range, fuels were slightly dry last fall, and snowpack was normal. South of the range, fall fuels were damp and snowpack is still well above normal.
- June is typically Alaska's busiest month as temperatures peak, precipitation is minimal, and both lightning and human outdoor activity reach their maximum.
- ENSO is currently in a neutral state. If it remains neutral, activity will taper off with increasing rains by the end of July and into August. If El Nino becomes dominant, it is likely that end-of-season rainfall will be delayed, and the fire season could be very active through August..