

# Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



- **Forecast:**

- July fire potential is expected to be normal statewide. The August through October fire potential is also expected to be normal.

- **Factors:**

- Above normal temperatures are forecast over eastern Alaska and the North Slope for the first week of the month. Precipitation is expected to be above normal for the Gulf of Alaska coast. After that there is no preference for above or below normal. It is typical for July to be a transition month between warmer, drier weather in June and wetter weather and the normal end of fire season in August.
- July typically sees Alaska's fire season wind down as precipitation generally increases towards the end of the month. There is no reason to expect this year to be any different.
- 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, end-of-season rainfall may be delayed, and the fire season could be extended into August..