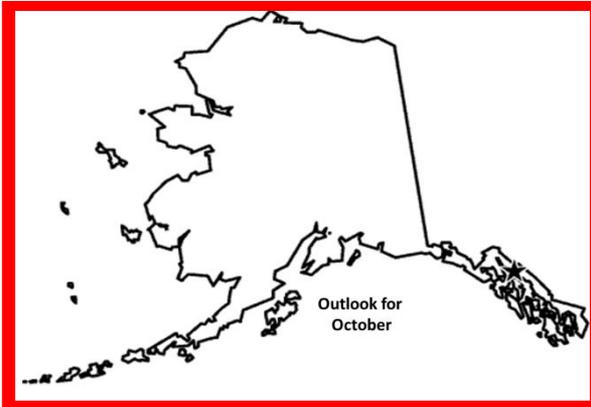
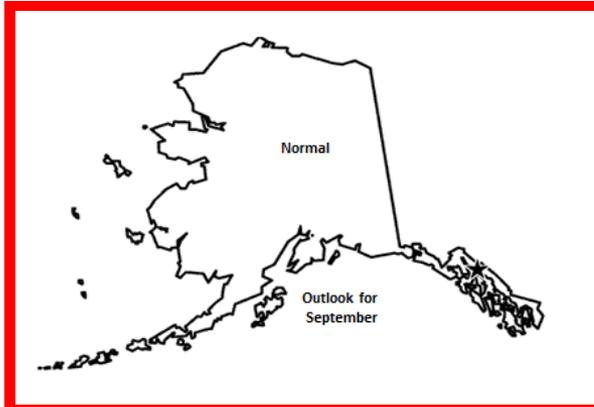


Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



Forecast:

- The forecast for September through December is normal across all of Alaska. Rainfall through August moderated or ended fire activity through much of the state. Cooler temperatures and shorter burn periods in September will allow conditions to normalize, as fires cease active burning or extinguish themselves.

Factors:

- August rains moderated fire activity though much of the state. But, the U.S. Drought Monitor still has a large area of “Abnormally Dry” with some areas of “Moderate Drought” in Interior Alaska.
- CPC Monthly outlooks indicate, with higher than usual confidence, that significantly warmer than normal temperatures will continue to dominate the state through the fall and early winter. The precipitation forecasts have been oscillating between damp and dry, so there is not much gained by the current precipitation forecast.
- Fire Weather Indices show that fine fuels have moderated for all areas except South Central, which indicates a handful of stations in the high range. Mid-duff layers have also moderated with ample rainfall. Only the deepest layers, represented by the Drought Code (DC) remain dry. Without any real dry trend in the forecast, it’s unlikely that fuels are capable of supporting large fires. Though some fires may begin to smoke and flare up a bit after several days of drying, fuels won’t support anything other than smoldering activity.