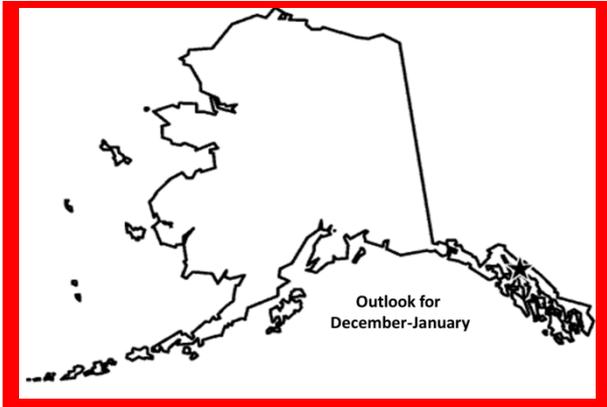
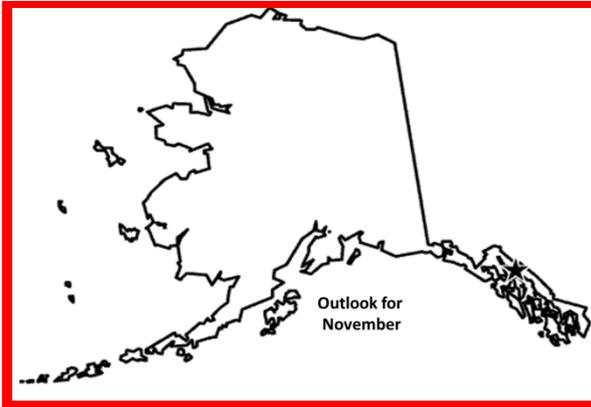
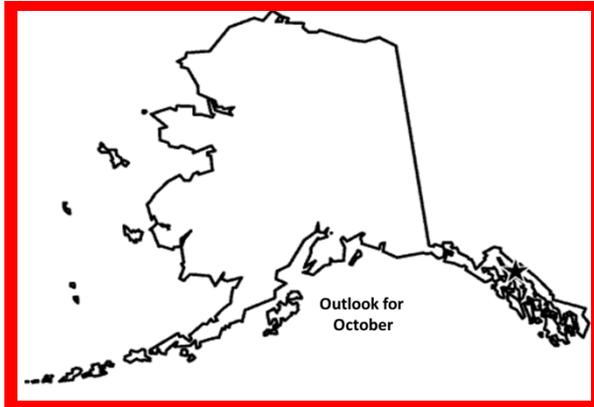


Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



Forecast:

- The forecast for October through January is normal across all of Alaska. Alaska is out of fire season beginning this month as days are becoming significantly shorter, sun angle is decreasing rapidly, and the source for natural ignitions (lightning) is past. Even with significant warming and drying, fire activity will be virtually non-existent.

Factors:

- The last two months have brought several inches of rain to much of Alaska. In the central and northern Interior, very wet conditions persist. Despite ample rain around the rest of Alaska, the U.S. Drought monitor still identifies areas of abnormally dry and moderate drought around much of western Alaska, the western Alaska Range, the Susitna and Matanuska Valleys, Anchorage Bowl, and Kenai Peninsula, as well as a sliver of the eastern Interior.
- CPC Monthly outlooks indicate, with higher than usual confidence, warmer than normal conditions for the entire state, while greater than normal precipitation shows for the Gulf of Alaska coastline. Temperatures are expected to remain at or near freezing for most locations from this point forward into winter.
- The Canadian Fuels and Fire Danger Rating System (CFFDRS) Fire Weather Indices show that fuels have moderated for all areas. The eastern Interior and Copper River Basin are the only areas with any indices into the moderate range; all other areas are low. Indices will be ended through most areas in the month of October.