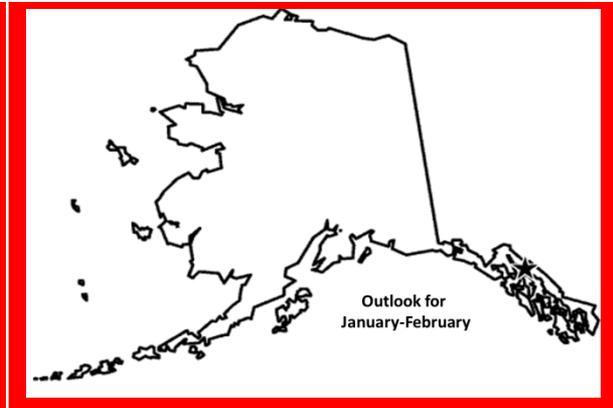
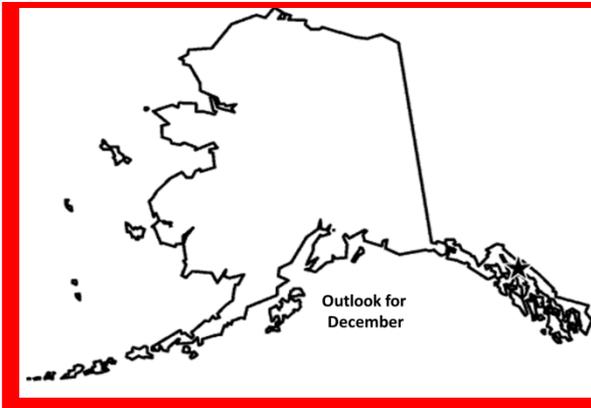
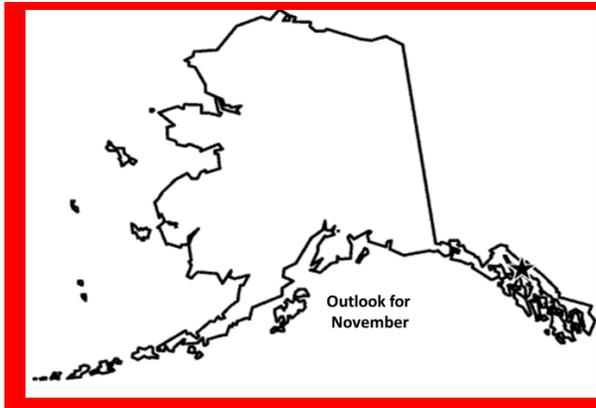


Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



Forecast:

- The forecast for November through February is normal across all of Alaska. Alaska is out of fire season. Days are shorter, sun angle is decreasing rapidly and snow cover is generally in place by this month over most of the state.

Factors:

- A very wet pattern developed at the end of September and beginning of October with very early snow in the central Interior. Since then above normal temperatures with occasional rain has depleted the snow pack in some areas and an overall drier pattern has taken over. South Central has also experienced a wet pattern through mid-October. The U.S. Drought monitor still identifies areas of abnormally dry over the central and eastern Interior as well as the central North Slope and Brooks Range. The Abnormally Dry areas have been decreasing.
- CPC Monthly outlooks indicate, with higher than usual confidence, warmer than normal conditions for the entire state particularly on the North Slope, while greater than normal precipitation shows for the Gulf of Alaska coastline and North Slope. 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 are no longer being calculated this year. Calculation will begin again next spring after the snow melts.