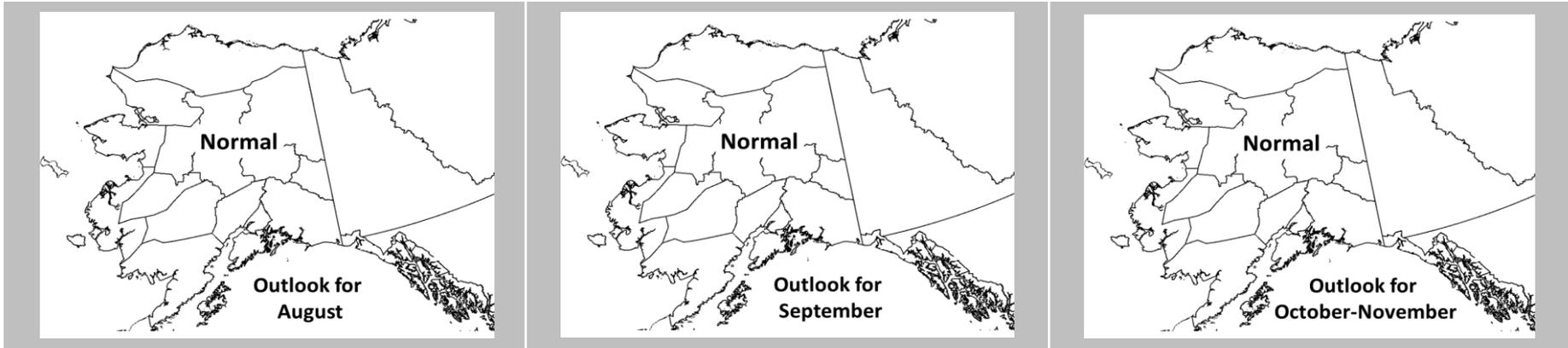


Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



Forecast:

- The forecast for August through November is for normal fire potential.

Factors:

- Most of Alaska has received substantial wetting rains and has met the criteria that would typically indicate an end to fire season. Though Climate Prediction Center (CPC) outlook maps continue to indicate a high likelihood of warmer than normal temperatures across all of Alaska into the fall, it's unlikely that even a very warm August will lead to much new fire growth. With little fire on the ground and the season for natural starts (lightning) on the wane, significant fire activity is not anticipated.
- Calculations of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating system indicate that deeper fuels are quite damp. The driest areas are in the Yukon Flats and a few stations in the southeastern Interior along the Chitina River, where indices are in the Very High range. Fine fuels have been fluctuating significantly with passing precipitation events, and haven't been above High very consistently this summer.
- The forecast for August and September is for normal fire activity, which is pretty minimal in Alaska. October and November are out of Alaska's typical fire season, and therefore have normal potential.