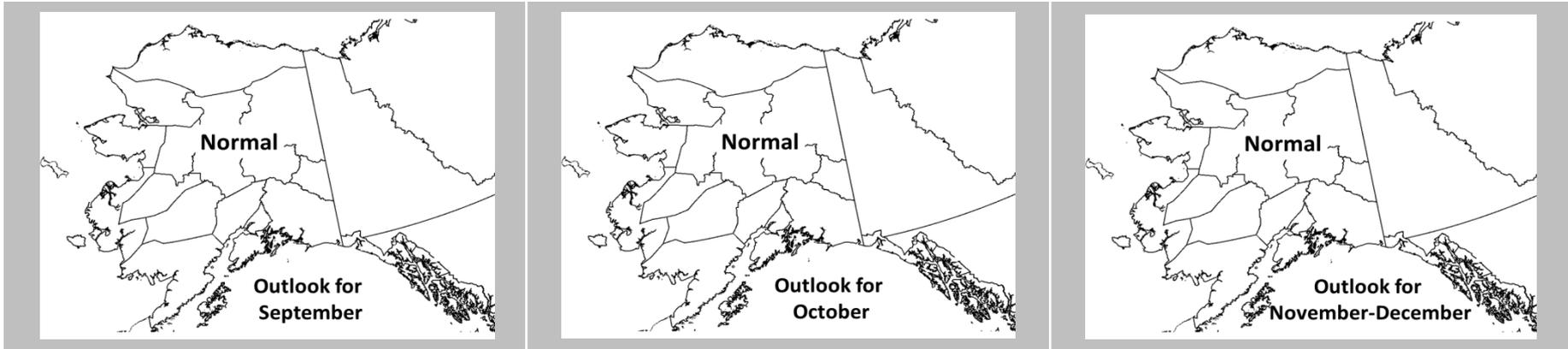


Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



Forecast:

- The forecast for September through December is for normal fire potential.

Factors:

- Though Climate Prediction Center (CPC) outlook maps continue to indicate a high likelihood of warmer than normal temperatures across all of Alaska, it's much new fire growth is very unlikely: with no fire on the ground and longer, damper nights, significant fire activity is not anticipated.
- Most of Alaska has received substantial wetting rains and has met the criteria that indicate an end to fire season. The exception is the far southeastern Interior, where little rain has fallen in the last month.
- Calculations of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating system indicate that the western 2/3 of the state is very wet. The driest areas are in the southeastern Interior along the Upper Tanana Valley and south of Northway along the ALCAN border, where indices are in the High range. Deeper fuels are quite damp statewide.
- The forecast for September is for normal fire activity, which is pretty minimal. October through December are out of Alaska's typical fire season, and therefore have normal potential.