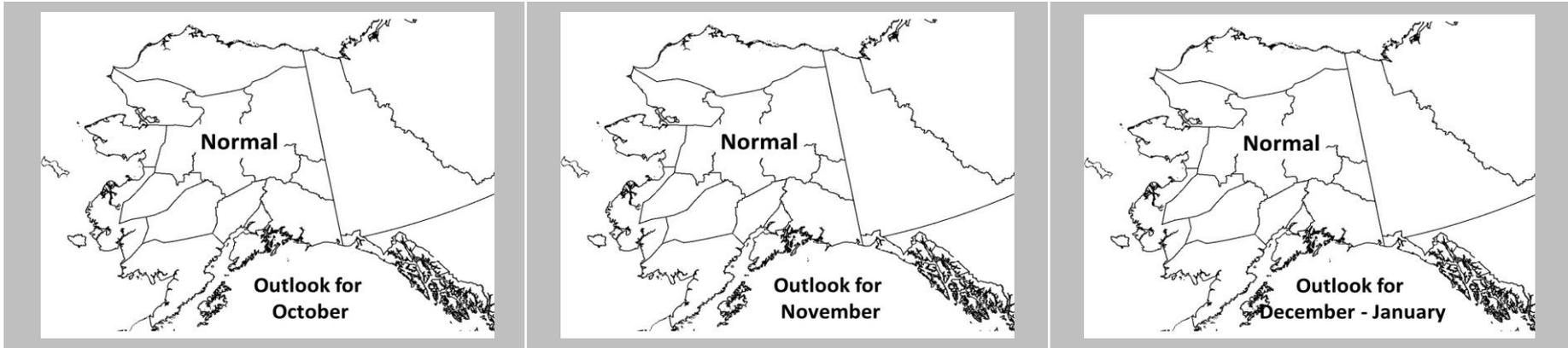


# Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



## Forecast:

- The forecast for October through January is for normal fire activity. Alaska is out of fire season, with a small chance of only a few, human-caused fire starts throughout the fall.

## Factors:

- The U.S. Drought monitor shows a tiny area in the Copper River Basin that is Abnormally Dry; otherwise the rest of the state is normal. Recent substantial rainfall has led to wetter conditions across Alaska.
- Cool and damp weather has dominated statewide. With the heat of the summer sun diminished, even the sunny days do not lead to much drying. Right now, it looks like the pattern will remain unsettled, with occasional rain showers and snow likely above 3,000 feet in many of mountainous areas.
- Calculations of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating system are being computed over all of Alaska but by early October, most station calculations will be stopped due to freeze up. Fuel dryness and fire potential are greatest in the eastern Interior with higher Build Up Index (BUI) and Fine Fuel Moisture Code (FFMC) values exhibiting the multiple dry layers.