

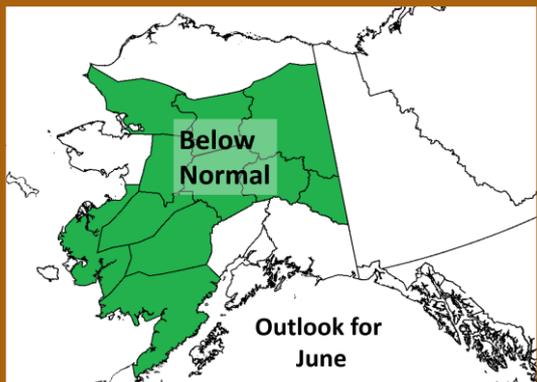
Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

Forecast:

- The forecast for June and July is for below normal fire activity due to late snowmelt, above normal precipitation, and cool temperatures. Expect a return to normal in late summer, which tends to have less fire activity.

Factors:

- The U.S. Drought Monitor shows an area of Abnormally Dry (D0) through the Anchorage area and Kenai Peninsula. There is also an area of Abnormally Dry over the southern Panhandle. Neither of these areas seems applicable at this point in time as there has been ample rainfall in those areas over the last week of April. Much of the Interior had above normal snow pack and the cool, damp spring has led to late snowmelt in much of the state.
- CPC outlook maps are forecasting warmer than normal conditions for the entire state through the summer. However, they are also forecasting wetter conditions for much of Alaska, the exceptions being the Panhandle and southeast Interior. These forecasts seem reasonable since many different forecast models have been indicating these same trends. Given this and the persistence of this cooler, damper weather, we expect a slower than normal fire season in most of Alaska.



- ▶ Calculations of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating system show that fuels remain fairly damp for this time of year due to late snowmelt, excess precipitation and cool temperatures.