

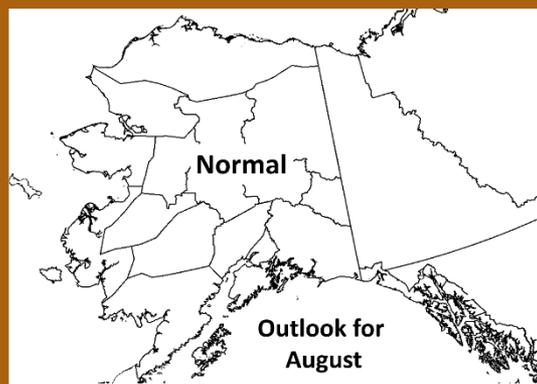
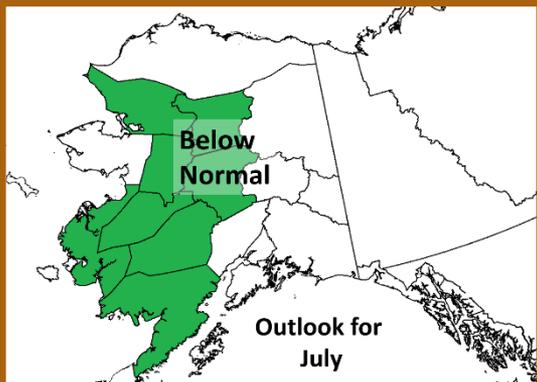
# Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

## Forecast:

- The forecast for July is for below normal fire activity due to lack of fire on the ground and a weather forecast that does not seem to indicate a prolonged warming and drying trend. Expect a return to normal in August, which tends to have less fire activity, anyway.

## Factors:

- Though the U.S. Drought Monitor shows an area of Abnormally Dry (D0) on the western Kenai Peninsula and through the Alaska Panhandle, there has been more rain in those areas recently, and the forecast does not indicate a prolonged drying for either of these areas. Temperatures have been and will continue to be fairly mild for the summer months, with more precipitation than normal in the forecast.
- CPC outlook maps are forecasting warmer than normal conditions for western and southwestern Alaska in July. Wetter conditions are also expected to be likely for much of Alaska, with an emphasis on western Alaska. Given the persistence of this forecast and its proliferation amongst the different forecast models, we can expect a slower than normal fire season to continue over most of western Alaska.



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