

# Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

## Forecast:

- Alaska is out of fire season. October through January is expected to have virtually no fire activity, which is normal.

## Factors:

- The U.S. Drought Monitor shows an area of Abnormally Dry (D0) in the northern Alaska Panhandle and moderate drought (D1) in the southern Panhandle. The remainder of the state has received ample precipitation the past two months.
- CPC outlook maps are forecasting warmer than normal conditions for all of Alaska for October through January, with a focus in western and northwestern Alaska for the greatest chances of warmer temperatures. Wetter conditions are expected for most of western Alaska in October while drier in the southern Panhandle. The remainder of the year has Alaska expecting above normal precipitation with greater chances of wetter weather in the west and southwest.
- Given the forecast persistence for the long wave trough over Alaska over the next week and the lack of fires on the ground, we can expect an uneventful end of fire season.

- ▶ Calculations of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System show surface and duff fuels are damp statewide. The few drier areas identified above have moderated somewhat, so new starts aren't expected due to lack of ignition sources, cool temperatures and high humidities.

