

# Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

## Forecast:

- Alaska is out of fire season. November through February 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 severe drought (D2) in the southern Panhandle. The remainder of the state has received ample precipitation this fall, with heavy rains in parts of the Interior and the Gulf Coast.
- CPC outlook maps are forecasting warmer than normal conditions for all of Alaska this winter, with a focus in western and northwestern Alaska, particularly along the coast for November. This is likely due to the extremely low sea ice content of the Chukchi Sea this fall.
- CPC outlook maps indicate wetter conditions are expected to occur in the west and south, with the focus shifting to southeast by December. This would be critical for moderating the drought in the Panhandle over the winter months.

- ▶ Calculations of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System have all been turned off for the season as temperatures are mainly in the 30s and 40s, the ground is frozen or even snow-covered in most areas, and ignitions are unlikely.

