

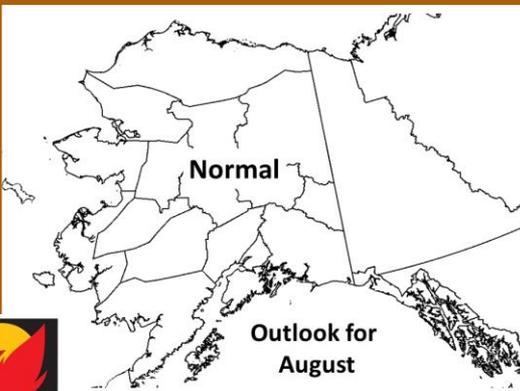
# Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

## Forecast:

- Alaska is in fire season with a forecast of normal potential from June through September. Late June and early July are typically the busiest part of the season, due to lightning ignitions and some human starts.

## Factors:

- The U.S. Drought Monitor shows an area of Abnormally Dry (D0) in the northern Panhandle, moderate drought (D1) in the central Panhandle, and extreme drought (D3) in the southern coastal Panhandle. This drought has held steady for some time now, and is expected to continue based on long range forecasts. The remainder of the state shows as normal on drought products.
- CPC outlook maps are forecasting warmer than normal conditions for all of Alaska this spring and summer, which has been typical of the last three years.
- Precipitation forecasts have notoriously little skill in Alaska, however, all of the long range forecasts are indicating the likelihood for higher than normal precipitation across some of the state through the next 12 months.



- ▶ Calculations of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System indicate that most fine surface fuels are ready for burning, but the deeper layers are only starting to come into play in the eastern and central Interior. Forecasts indicate no significant rainfall north of the Alaska Range to dampen those deeper layers.