

Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

Forecast:

- In November, December, January, and February, Alaska will be blanketed with snow and out of fire season..

Factors:

- The Drought Monitor shows Abnormally Dry to Moderate Drought conditions through much of South Central and the Panhandle. The far southern Panhandle is in Severe Drought. That said, there have been some significant precipitation events to alleviate conditions in these areas in the last month or so, but long-term dryness is still taking a toll on reservoirs and landscapes.
- Summer has ended, and Alaska is anxiously awaiting more snowfall to encase the land. Warm weather over most of the state melted much of the small snowfalls that occurred early in October; higher elevations are the exception.
- Though November is expected to be a warmer than normal month, it has cooled substantially. With temperatures generally near freezing, fuels are wet or frozen and will remain so through the forecast period.

