

Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

Forecast:

- The remainder of fire season is expected to be normal, except for the eastern Interior where very wet weather in June has soaked the deeper fuels. July will be active, with some wind events leading to large acreage growth, while outdoor recreation and convection lead to more human and lightning ignitions. By August, rains will reduce burning potential, and by September, the shorter daylight hours and lower sun angle will keep temperatures cool and humidities too high for any significant fire activity. By October, Alaska will be out of fire season.

Factors:

- The Drought Monitor shows normal conditions over all of Alaska. This summer has allowed ample rainfall across most of the state. The northeastern Interior is drier, particularly across the Upper Yukon Valley, but this is fairly typical for summer.
- The Climate Prediction Center maps for the duration of the summer indicate warmer than normal will be more likely than normal or cooler conditions.

- Recent rains have moderated most of the dry fuel conditions around Alaska. As of the end of June there are only a few areas with drier duff layers that are worthy of concern.

