

Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

Forecast:

- Normal fire potential is expected in Alaska for the winter months. With snow covering most of the state at this time, Alaska is generally out of fire season.

Factors:

- The Drought Monitor shows abnormally dry conditions over the Northwest Coast and parts of South Central, including Kodiak, the Kenai Peninsula, and the Chugach Mountains. However, Alaska is now covered in snow, so cold temperatures and snowfall will prevent fires from being an issue.
- Weather in Alaska in December is typically well below freezing in most areas, with snow likely to remain through March or April. La Nina, which is expected throughout the winter, typically brings a cool but somewhat dry winter to much of Alaska.



- Fuels are currently snow-covered and frozen. The spring melt cycle and amount of winter snowfall will determine how fuels shape up in the spring