

# Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

## Forecast:

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

## Factors:

- The Drought Monitor shows abnormally dry conditions over the Northwest Coast, Kodiak Island, the Yukon Flats and the Upper Tanana Valley. However, Alaska is covered in snow, so cold temperatures and snowfall will prevent significant fire activity.
- Climate Prediction Center (CPC) maps for Alaska forecast warmer and wetter conditions in the northwest, while colder and drier conditions are forecast for south central and southeast. Snowpack is likely to remain into April. La Nina, which is forecast throughout the winter, typically brings a cool but somewhat dry winter to southern Alaska.



- Fuels are currently snow-covered and frozen. The spring melt cycle and amount of winter snowfall will determine spring fuel conditions.