2016 Alaska Fire Season

January 1 – September 15, 2016
Early Season Weather

- 10” snow in Palmer at Spring Equinox
- Biggest March rains in Fairbanks this century
- All-time record highs on March 31st
- Warmest April on record
Early Start

- 66 human caused fires reported in April
- April 17 – first fire jumped
552 Fires
• Average starts per day: 5
• 37 new fires on June 27
• 111 new fires from July 14-16
Fire Starts
January - September
230% of normal July rainfall in Fairbanks
...or was it?

Not everywhere!

- Anchorage had its warmest summer ever
- Which followed its warmest spring ever
- Which followed its second warmest winter

Ever
LIGHTNING

• Just as much as 2015

• Almost 200,000 strikes recorded from May – August
499,560 Acres