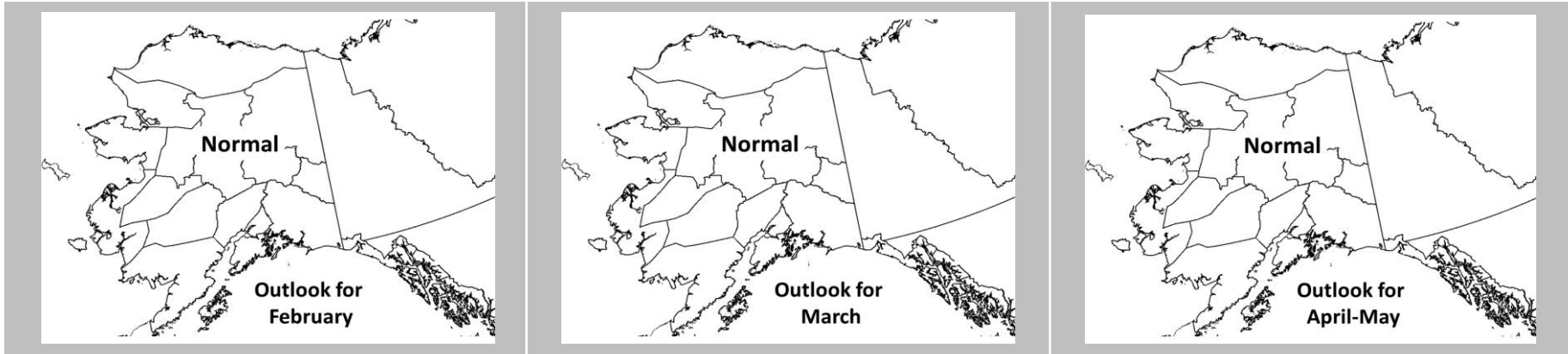


Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



Forecast:

- The forecast for February through May is for normal fire activity. Alaska is currently out of fire season.
- **Factors:**
 - The U.S. Drought Monitor shows no drought areas in Alaska. With warm weather for the first half of the winter, only the end of January has finally brought some colder temperatures. Snowfall has been fairly normal, so most areas have their blanket of insulating snow, as well as their stored water supply for spring and early summer as snow and ice melt out.
 - After a warm early winter, colder, more normal temperatures are encompassing most of Alaska. The next couple of months will likely have highly variable temperatures, but with most of the state covered in snow, the spring looks like it will shape up in a normal fashion. At this time, it doesn't look as if extreme warm or cold is in the forecast through March.
 - Calculations of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating system are suspended due to snow cover and freezing temperatures.