

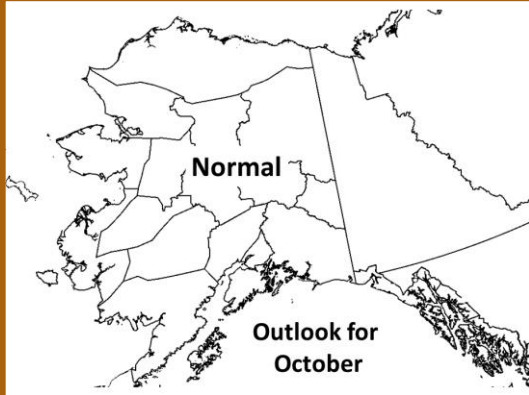
Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook

Forecast:

- Normal fire potential is expected in Alaska through the fall and into the first part of winter; Alaska is out of fire season.

Factors:

- Weather over Alaska for the last half of September has been cooler than normal, with rain and snow occurring around much of the state. The U.S. Drought Monitor no longer shows any regions of Alaska as being in drought.
- Solar heating will continue to weaken, as both the sun angle and hours of daylight rapidly decrease. With high forecast temperatures below 45 degrees for most of the state over the next two weeks, significant warming and drying is not expected.
- The winter's early snowpack is already established across much of the north and east and will likely expand statewide by mid to late October.



- Fuels are wet, frozen or snow-covered statewide. End of September indices reflect little burning potential. With snow on the ground in most areas and precipitation measurements unreliable due to freezing, station indices are halted on October 1, 2021.