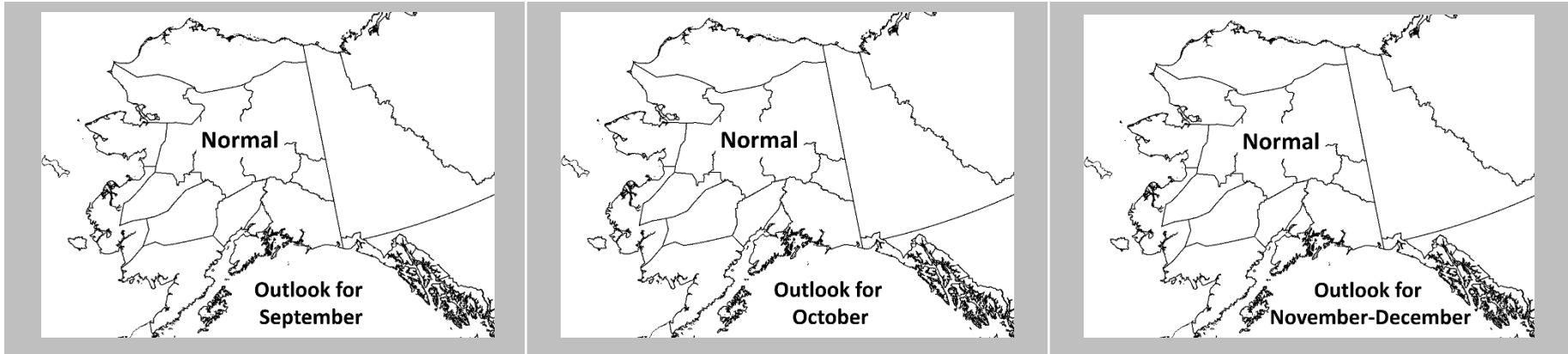


Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



Forecast:

- The forecast for September through December is for normal fire activity. Alaska is almost out of fire season, and it's expected that fall and early winter will be cool and damp, prohibiting fire activity.

Factors:

- The U.S. Drought monitor shows an area of abnormally dry over much of South Central and the Kenai Peninsula and a small area near Ft Yukon. However, recent rains have alleviated dryness through most of the state. August saw a switch from a warm yet humid late summer pattern to a cool and showery typical August pattern with few ignitions.
- The forecast is for an unsettled, damp pattern, so expect enough precipitation to keep fire activity at a minimum, with only some potential in the eastern Interior, where rain has been most elusive.
- Calculations of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating system show driest fuels and highest fire potential in the eastern Interior, along the ALCAN border, where fine fuels are still burnable. Most of the rest of the state is fairly damp with low fire potential.