

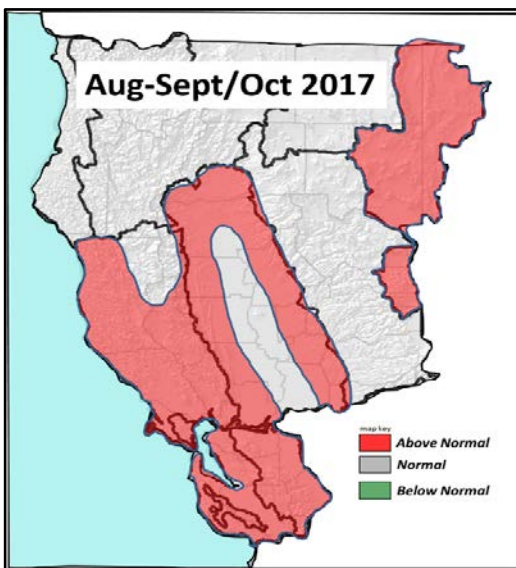
North Ops 2017 Fire Season Outlook Summary

Past Weather

- 2016-17 rainy season has produced 150-300% of normal precipitation, and the snowpack topped out at 150% of the normal maximum depth/water equivalent

Weather Outlook

- After occasional cool wet late spring weather, warmer and drier than normal conditions are expected for the remainder of the summer
- Desert SW Monsoon expected to be near normal intensity, but still too early to tell how frequently it will reach North Ops region
- Overall lightning activity expected to be below to near normal



Fire Potential at Lower Elevations (≤ 3500 ft)

- Abundant spring grass crop
- Curing is underway, but moist conditions will keep curing process slow into July
- Grass and brush fires to gradually become more frequent, but slow spread rates should allow successful Initial Attack well into July
- Significant Fire Potential to increase to Above Normal by August, possibly late July, and continue into October as fine fuels become fully cured

Fire Potential at Middle Elevations (3500 ft – 6500 ft)

- Some potential of Above Normal grass and brush fire activity beginning in August, possibly late July, and continuing into Sept/Oct at the lower end, but overall generally quiet to normal fire activity

Fire Potential at Upper Elevations (≥ 6500 ft)

- Very heavy snow melt runoff into July
- High peak live fuel moisture levels, remaining high later than normal, and may not ever decline to critical levels this summer
- Most likely a quiet fire season, but lightning activity is the wildcard, especially if ignitions occur August-September in high-density tree mortality areas

