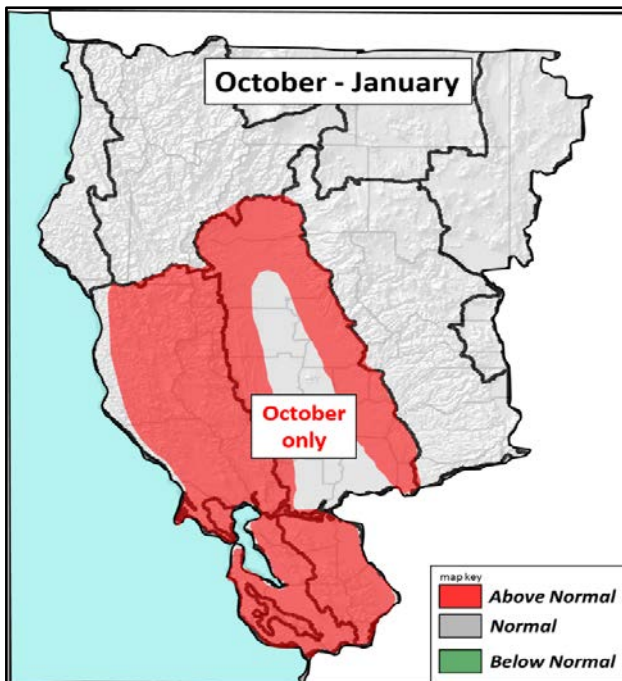


North Ops 2017 Fire Season Outlook Summary

Weather Outlook

- Warmer and drier than normal through November.
- Above normal precipitation in December and January, with temperatures trending to near normal by January.
- Dry wind events expected once a week or so into late October.



Past Weather, Fuels, and Fire Conditions

- The summer was drier than normal across much of the region and much warmer than normal throughout the entire region.
- Lightning activity was above normal and led to a steady stream of new large fires through mid September, especially at elevations below 6500 ft where the robust cured fine fuel and brush crop were receptive to fires by late July.

Fire Potential at Mid and Lower Elevations (≤ 6500 ft)

- Abundant grass crop cured
- Robust spring brush growth
- Grass and brush fire Initial Attack to remain active until wetting rains arrive, perhaps late October.
- Rapid spread rates possible in breezy conditions or where fuels and terrain align
- **Significant Fire Potential is Above Normal in the Mid Coast, Bay Area, and Sacramento Valley and Foothills PSAs in October.**
- Otherwise and elsewhere, Significant Fire Potential is Normal through January.

Fire Potential at Upper Elevations (≥ 6500 ft)

- Live and dead fuel moisture values to remain at or above normal.
- Although new ignitions are possible, terrain, low RH and wind will be needed for rapid fire spread.
- Normal Significant Fire Potential through January.