

North Ops 2017 Fire Season Outlook Summary

Past Weather

- 2016-17 rainy season produced 150-300% of normal precipitation, which led to robust fine fuel crop and brush growth. Hot and dry weather since mid June has caused nearly complete curing of annual grasses and has elevated fire potential

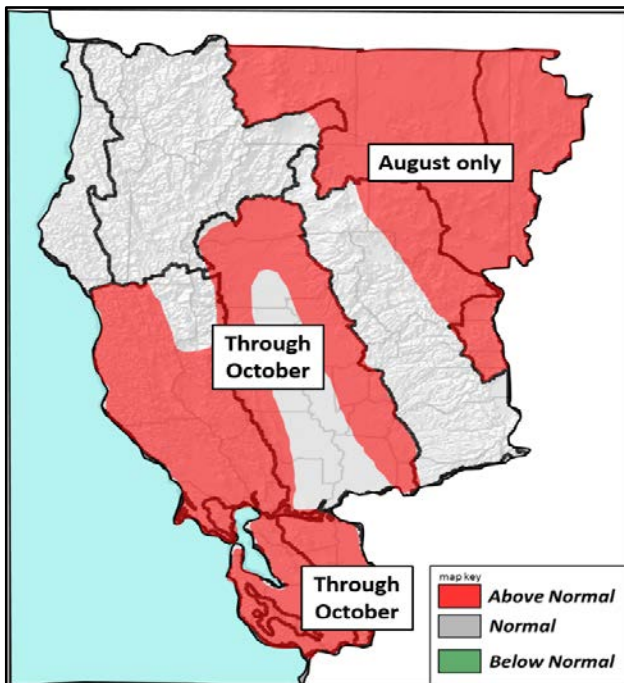
Weather Outlook

- Warmer and drier than normal conditions are expected into the fall months
- Lightning activity near to below normal through August, then further diminishing
- N/Offshore wind events becoming more common starting in late August



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 fall rain arrives
- Rapid spread rates possible in breezy conditions or where fuels and terrain align
- Significant Fire Potential is Above Normal through October from Mendocino and Shasta Counties south on the west side of the Cascade-Sierra crest, and in August east of the crest
- Normal Significant Fire Potential elsewhere, and in all areas in November



Fire Potential at Upper Elevations (≥ 6500 ft)

- Live fuel moisture values to remain at or above normal, and may not decline to critical levels at all in some locations
- Although new ignitions are likely, especially during lightning events, resistance to rapid fire spread will allow for successful initial attack in most cases
- Normal Significant Fire Potential through November