

Municipality of Anchorage 2026 Wildfire Update

Assembly PH&S Committee May 6, 2026



2026 Forecast

Fire Potential:

- Normal potential in Southcentral Alaska
- Risk driven by fuels, weather, and ignition

Seasonal Outlook:

- Snowpack is above normal across Alaska, showing a later season start than normal
- The season will have a predictable progression once the fuels dry
- All forecasting is labeled as “Typical” for the upcoming season
- Notable seasons that deviated from expectations: **2004 • 2015 • 2019 • 2022 • 2025**

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Interagency Wildfire Open House

May 9 • 11 AM–3 PM • Hilltop Ski Area
Demos • Giveaways • Family Fun

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Actions Taken (2025) Planning & Mitigation

Closing the Gaps

- CWPP completed (Dec)
- Fuel breaks in priority areas
- Focus on evacuation routes - choke points
- Coordinated mitigation strategy with stakeholders & land managers

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Actions Taken (2025) Evacuation & Coordination

Improving Readiness

- Evacuation route signage installed
- Municipality-wide evacuation workshop completed
- Refining evacuation zones
- Increased coordination with DFFP, JBER, utilities, OEM
- Expanding RAVE / Smart911 participation



Priority Projects 2026

2026 Initiatives:

- Residential sprinkler distribution (events)
- Curbside chipping expansion
- Continued Firewise assessments

Path Forward:

- Continue CWPP implementation
- Expand mitigation in priority corridors
- Improve evacuation readiness and public engagement

Closing Message:

- We've made measurable progress addressing last year's gaps, but continued investment and community participation are essential.





Questions ?
