

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

April 23, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Sean Peterson	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	Information
Fire Information Officer Liaisons	Aitor Bidaburu	Discussion
Request for Assistance, 2026 Aerial Quick Strike	Sean Peterson	Information
NICC Jet Acquisition Updated for 2026	Chris Tipton/Russ Long	Discussion
Talking Points for Dynamic Containment	Chuck Russell	Discussion
209 Injury Reporting	Russ Long	Discussion

### Attendees:

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**Additional Attendees:** Hans Ohme, Jason Demas, Jim Prevette, Mike Krupski, Harold Riggs, Paul Cerda, Bryan Stamps, Mark Goeller, Lindsey Lewis, Jason Bruce, Penny States, Jeremy Sullens, Perry Breitenstein, Michael Thenue, John Mckee, Maegan Maughan, David Lee, Robet Benoit

### NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 30 April 2025, 1100-1300



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## National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL2, light to moderate IA, 945 new fires, 24 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs, 15 crews, 219 engines, 13 helicopters, 1,500 personnel assigned. Crews in Saipan providing support.

**South Ops:** PL1, light IA, 1 developing fire.

Hog – Light fuels, structures threatened, 150 acres.

**Northern Rockies:** PL1, 1 new start, 2 uncontained large fires.

Eastside – CIMT cancelled, moderate behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, received rain, 1,200 acres, 10% contained.

Lemon – ND, 300 acres.

**Great Basin:** PL1, 4 new starts.

Goshen Canyon – UT state, light fuels, 408 acres, 50% contained.

**Southern Area:** PL4, heavy IA, 94 new starts, 20 uncontained large fires.

HWY 82 – SA Team 1 mobilizing, southern rough and timber, extreme behavior, structures threatened, 71 structures lost, evacuations, 4,500 acres, 15% contained.

Pineland Road – Active behavior, southern rough, structures threatened, evacuations, 31,000 acres, 10% contained.

Gun Range – SA Team 3, managing additional incidents, southern rough, moderate behavior, 129 acres, 50% contained.

Sand Drain – Minimal behavior, southern rough, 56 acres, 75% contained.

139 – Southern rough, moderate behavior, 6,500 acres, 50% contained.

Railroad – Timber and brush, active behavior, 4,200 acres, 55% contained.

Milemarker 45 – FL FS, brush and swamp, active behavior, 9,200 acres, 50% contained.

**Rocky Mountain:** PL1, moderate IA, lightning yesterday.

Murphy – SD state, structures threatened, diverting LATs.

Unnamed – Pineridge BIA, light fuels and timber.

Taber Wreck – Timber and light fuels, structures threatened, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Andrews – 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Peterson – NE, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Unnamed – Light fuels, 1,000 acres.

Pressey – Extreme behavior, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

**Eastern Area:** PL1, heavy IA in MN and MI.

Salex – MN state, light fuels, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Lone Pine – Light fuels, structures threatened, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

**Southwest:** PL2, 8 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Tusas – NM state, timber and light fuels, structures threatened, 200 acres, 0% contained.



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## Predictive Services Update

### National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Monday)

- Periods of breezy winds and low RH creating elevated to critical conditions and high-risk significant fire potential near/east of the Divide in the Southwest to the central and southern High Plains, with the greatest concern today and especially Sunday
- Continued dry in the Southeast with minimum RH below 30% and sea breezes, with a threat for lightning ignitions this weekend along the northern Gulf Coast into Florida, with only localized temporary relief due to rainfall
- Dry in western Minnesota and the Northeast into early next week, with periods of breezy winds creating elevated conditions, especially in western Minnesota today
- Scattered light rainfall in California to the central and northern Rockies, but the Northwest will turn dry
- A warming trend is expected in Alaska with expected to melt across the Interior the next week

##### Long-term (Tuesday through next Saturday)

- A split flow pattern is likely across the country with an active southern jet stream with periods of precipitation possible for the Southwest into the central Plains and Mid-Atlantic, but confidence is low on which areas will receive the most widespread rainfall
- The Southeast will receive areas of rainfall for temporary relief, but areas that receive little rainfall will have potential lightning ignitions, especially for the northern Gulf Coast, South Georgia, and Florida
- The Northwest will become drier and warmer than normal, but green-up will mitigate with favorable Rx burning conditions possible there and in the northern Rockies



### National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

New Southern Area Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory in effect.

Covers much of the Deep South into the Mid-Atlantic.

97<sup>th</sup> or higher ERC percentiles in Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and areas of the Front Range.

Green-up is sufficient in much of the Southeast, southern Plains, and Pacific West.

Drought monitor shows minimal improvement overall but increasing levels in some areas.

Flash drought indicators show much moisture being pulled out of the soil nationwide.



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## Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		14	
VLAT			
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		12	
LEAD ASM		7	
SEAT	36	53	
HELO TYPE1	34	25	
HELO TYPE2	9	78	
HELO TYPE3	30	109	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	2	14	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	19	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	21	16	
CREW TYPE 2	1	688	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	10	1 short load	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	1 load	
RAPPELERS			Training completed last week
CATERERS	0	11	
SHOWERS	0	49	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	1
TANKER	1
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	32 , 48 dozers, 3 water tenders
OVERHEAD	44
PENDING	29 OH, 3 engines, 1 T2 helicopter

21 aircraft, 74 pieces of equipment, 634 personnel assigned to RX.



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## Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

### Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- NTR, wet on west coast, Interior will see drying in the next 10 days.

### California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- Two storms in April providing relief. Potential for replacement crew needs to support Saipan ESF4.

### Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- Moderate to high IA across Great Lakes. Flood recovery efforts taking place in the northeast. Working to provide resources to SA.

### Great Basin – Vanessa Marquez

- Minimal activity, all incidents within local capacity.

### Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Light IA except ND. Davis Gulch not meeting large fire criteria but expected to be long duration.

### Northwest – Brian Ebert

- NTR

### Rocky Mountain – Jay Lusher

- PL1, moderate to high IA activity, SD and NE. Increased need for SEATS and LATs, anticipate additional IA resources coming on in the next week.

### Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Moved to PL4, moderate activity, majority in GA and FL. Critical resources are dozers and tractor plows. Anticipate additional lightning and IA.

### Southwest – Mike Spilde

- Light activity in AZ, moderate in NM. Hummingbird burning on Hela NF, assigned Zone T3 IMT this morning, community in Ready evacuation status, potential for long duration.



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## NMAC Agency Updates

### USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

### USFS – Russ Long

- Continuing to move through reorganization and interim operations. FS NIMO worked with FDNY this week on pre-season preparations, will be able to surge as one CIMT this year. Working on FS national preparedness plan with operations group.

### USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- New administrator onboarded, Paul Mathees.

### NASF – Greg Smith

- SA seeing additional resource needs, working to send resources through the Compacts as able. Main need is tractor plows.

## Administration

PL – 2 (2.23)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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## Admin Topics

### Preparedness Level

Recommending remaining at PL2. -Support

### Fire Information Officer Liaisons

Opportunity for external affairs personnel to restructure their plan.

Request External Affairs to draft an operations plan outlining personnel, duties, communications with the GA level.

Consider how/if they will continue updating the website.

Chuck and Russ will discuss and follow up. -Review 4/30.

### Request for Assistance, 2026 Aerial Quick Strike

Standard verbiage drafted for final review.

MAFFS can be utilized before commercial LATs if they are ready for immediate launch and use to meet uptick in IA until commercial LATs can be put in place.

Will distribute 4/23.

### NICC Jet Acquisition Updated for 2026

Acquisition plan was submitted to Department in November 2025.

Acquisition plan has been approved.

Looking at the asset being available August 2026.

The contract will be 4 years with 6 month options.

GSA contract options are allowed for 30, 60, 90, or 120 days but the process is in depth.

Looking at a flight-by-flight mobilization process.

AICC resource requests should be placed 96 hours ahead of time.

Bid for flight must be out with vendors for 24 hours prior to award.

Consider requesting mobilization assistance from the military if needed. -Russ will follow up.

Working with vendors looking at other aircraft models that have better maneuverability for rapid placement and shifting of resources to supplement starting June 2027.

### Talking Points for Dynamic Containment

Provide feedback to Chuck by 4/24.

Communicate the lack of correlation between prioritization of resources and containment level.

Consider including the NWCG definition of “containment” as reference.

Will be distributed after final review on 4/27.

### 209 Injury Reporting

Safety IMRR group recommend updating and reissuing M2017-08 injury reporting guidance and standardization.

NICC Intel will review User Guide for standards.

Russ will discuss with SMEs and report back 4/30.

