

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

May 7, 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
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Chuck Russell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaska: Tyler Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> California: John Goss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Basin: Vanessa Marquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northwest: Brian Ebert
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southern Area: Jason Demas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain: Jay Lusher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southwest: Harold Riggs
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Additional Attendees: Hans Ohme, Megan Kephart, Maegan Maughan, Jeremy Sullens, Jay Kurth, Jason Bruce, Trevor Polluck, Kevin Sweeney, Beau Dobberstein, John Cervantes, Steve Goldman

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 14 May 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL2, light IA, 448 new starts, 17 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 18 crews, 159 engines, 16 helicopters, 1,765 personnel assigned. 2 had crews assigned in Saipan.

Southern Area: PL3, considering PL2, 24 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.
Hwy 82 – SA Team 1 TOC tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels, 22,420 acres, 85% contained.

Pineland Road – No perimeter growth, minimal behavior,

South Canal – Southern rough and timber, active behavior, 1,200 acres, 30% contained.

Lochloosa West – Active behavior, timber, 956 acres, 50% contained.

Pelham 2 – NC state, slash, active behavior, 100 acres, 50% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL1, mitigating conditions.

Guide – Grass, 1,100 acres, 80% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, light IA, 23 new starts.

Mapes – MI, timber, moderate behavior, T3 IMT TOC local unit this weekend, 124 acres, 90% contained.

Southwest: PL2

Hazen – Light fuels, minimal behavior, 1,100 acres, 45% contained.

Hummingbird – NM, minimal behavior, T3 IMT TOC local unit, 76% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Monday)

- A cold front moving through the Southeast will bring high-risk significant fire potential to South Georgia and Florida, for lightning in the panhandle and South Georgia and due to the pre-frontal southwest winds in the peninsula today
- Moderate to high-risk significant fire potential will continue across most of Florida into early next week due to persistent hot, dry, and unstable conditions
- Moderate to high-risk significant fire potential for the Midwest, especially Minnesota, due to persistent dry conditions, minimum RH 15-30%, and periods of breezy winds, with moderate potential at times for the northern Plains
- Continued above normal temperatures in the Northwest, with heat building across the Southwest and the rest of the West this weekend into early next week
- Burn periods are expected to become very long across the Southwest, southern Great Basin, and West Slope by Sunday and Monday

Long-term (Tuesday through next Saturday)

- The strong heat dome peaks Tuesday into Wednesday with record high temperatures likely across much of the West and low RH
- A breakdown of the ridge is likely late next week, with mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for at least the Greater Four Corners, possibly spreading across the rest of the Intermountain West followed by winds
- This breakdown is likely to lead to an increased fire activity, mainly in the form of IA, with a few larger fires possible, mainly in the southern portion of the Intermountain West
- Mostly dry conditions to continue in Florida, but with isolated thunderstorms creating increased potential for ignitions
- Light precipitation for the Great Lakes is possible Tuesday with dry conditions the rest of the week



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Midwest and upper Northwest both showing increased significant fire potential elevations.

Most of the west will experience an escalation in significant fire danger.

Southern Area greened-up but remains very dry. Fires are burning in ground fuels.

ERCs in southeast OR have experienced a rapid, early increase.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		14	1
VLAT			
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		15	
LEAD ASM			
SEAT	43	49	
HELO TYPE1	23	141	
HELO TYPE2	4	84	
HELO TYPE3	23	112	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	1	21	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	10	10	
CREW TYPE 2IA	14	25	
CREW TYPE 2		683	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	6	18	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		1 load	
RAPPELERS		10	
CATERERS	1	11	
SHOWERS	1	51	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	2
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	1
UAS	1
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	12
OVERHEAD	15
PENDING	1 engine, 3 helicopters

41 aircraft, 74 pieces of equipment, and 960 personnel assigned to RX.



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL1, little activity.

California – Jay Kurth

- IA is low, some fires exhibiting growth, no critical needs.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL2, Great Lakes continue to be an area of concern. No needs at this time.

Great Basin – Vanessa Marquez

- Minimal activity, no needs at this time.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Minimal activity, 4 IHCs available assisting with RX, last 2 crews available Monday.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL1, additional IHC coming available on May 8, monitoring RX. Holdover heat and lightning fires, 3-4 weeks ahead of normal fuel conditions.

Rocky Mountain – Jay Lusher

- PL1, minimal activity due to weather, no critical needs, few excess resources available.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL3, considering PL2. Activity primarily in FL, tornado impacts in MS awaiting final assessment. VIPR hub concept received positive feedback.

Southwest – Harold Riggs

- PL2, no needs or concerns, RX activity ongoing.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- In San Antonio participating in training running through scenarios for executing RFAs with military.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- GA and FL continue to see fires.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

International Operating Plan drafts with Canada and Australia expected to be to NMAC next week for review.

Administration

PL – 2 (2.26)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Recommend remaining at PL2. - Support

Logistics Committee

Request update from NICC and NMAC next week.

Chuck, Russ and Greg will discuss attendance.

