

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

May 14, 2026

1100-1200

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 type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USWFS: Chuck Russell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS: Russ Long	<input type="checkbox"/> USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Sean Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Craig Daugherty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaska: Tyler Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California: Jay Kurth	<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: Mike Spilde
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<input type="checkbox"/> CGAC:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, Megan Kephart, Maegan Maughan, Jeremy Sullens, Kevin Sweeney, Perry Breitenstein, Jose Munguia, Shaun Jensen, Steve Goldman, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Mark Hilton, Jim Prevette, Mike Krupski, Paul Cerda, Josh O'Connor, Richard Parrish, Bryan Stamps, Jason Miller

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 21 May 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL2, light IA, 504 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 23 crews, 21 helicopters, 1,683 personnel assigned. 2 crews assigned in the west Pacific.

Northwest: PL1, received lightning, light IA.

Nike – FWS, light fuels, 3,000 acres, 70% contained.

South Ops: PL2, light IA, 13 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Neuralia – Light fuels, active behavior,

Great Basin: PL1, light to moderate IA, 14 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Spread Creek – Timber, active behavior, residences threatened, T3 IMT, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Pasadena Valley – Light fuels, active behavior, residences threatened.

Wild Horse – Light fuels, active behavior, 1,200 acres, LATs committed.

Southern Area: PL2, light IA, 4 uncontained large fires.

Pineland Road – Minimal behavior, 90% contained.

Cow Creek – FL State, minimal behavior, 74% contained.

Max Road – 11,00 acres, 100% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL1, light IA.

Sandy – State, light fuels, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Ash Pole – NE NF, light fuels, 350 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 5 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Six Mile – Brush and light slash, minimal behavior, light rain, 340 acres, 24% contained.

Hummingbird – No perimeter growth, 76% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Saturday)

- Strong winds will develop across the northern Plains today into the Upper Midwest with widespread elevated to critical conditions and high-risk significant fire potential, with the worst conditions moving into the Upper Midwest Friday and Saturday
- Periods of breezy to windy conditions in the Southwest to southern High Plains through Monday, with the strongest winds Saturday and isolated dry thunderstorms and very hot temperatures across the High Plains into Saturday
- Breezy north winds are expected across the California Central Valley this weekend, strongest on Sunday amid low RH, with significant fire potential increasing to moderate
- Gradually improving conditions in the northwestern U.S. through the weekend due to a cooling trend, higher RH, and precipitation possible early next week
- A warmer and drier trend commences in the Southeast

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Upper-level high pressure will move east, with above normal temperatures and drier than normal conditions likely for the Southeast early to mid-next week and record high temperatures possible resulting in a return to low to moderate significant fire potential
- Breezy conditions will continue in the Southwest and southern High Plains early next week, with the most widespread winds Sunday creating widespread elevated to critical conditions and moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- Widespread wetting rain is expected across the Midwest Sunday into Monday providing significant relief, with some relief also possible across the southern High Plains the latter half of next week



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Escalating fire activity in multiple Geographic Areas.

Slow/erratic/incomplete green-up in the northern latitudes and parts of the Plains.

Cured/curing grasses in much of California and first annuals crop in GB and the Columbia Basin.

Drying resumes across the Southeast Coastal Plain.

Winds and low RH expected in the Southwest, Southern and Northern Plains and the CA Central Valley.

Lightning will continue across the Southern Plains.

AK moving into a relatively normal fire season.

SACC Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory re-issued today.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		18	
VLAT			
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		15	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	49	43	
HELO TYPE1	23	141	
HELO TYPE2	5	76	
HELO TYPE3	24	106	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	0	21	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	25	12	
CREW TYPE 2IA	20	26	
CREW TYPE 2	9	685	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	13	28	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	15	
RAPPELERS		1 ship	
CATERERS	1		
SHOWERS	1		

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	11
TANKER	1
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	
IR	2
UAS	1
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	0
ENGINES	9
OVERHEAD	30
PENDING	5 helicopters

29 aircraft, 9 crews, 60 pieces of equipment, 660 personnel assigned to RX



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL1, minimal activity, Red Flag Warning in Delta. Both BLM IHC available Friday, state IHC available now.

California – Jay Kurth

- PL2, light IA, IA fires between 5,000-6,000 feet driven by heavy fuels.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL2, elevated fire danger across Great Lakes region, expect challenges with winds. Canadian resources assisting in MN. No resource needs.

Great Basin – Vanessa Marquez

- PL1, increased activity with wind event, increased aircraft needs. Increased in fire activity for 2-4 weeks, no outstanding needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Light IA, no significant needs or activity, continued winds.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Light IA, moistening conditions with recent precipitation, IAA request submitted after several lightning strikes, Redmond ATB is open, fires burning at higher elevations. Increase in FEMA ask for FIFA planning over the next month.

Rocky Mountain – Jay Lusher

- PL1, bordering on moderate IA, increase in orders outside GA. Significant concerns for the weekend. Paul Cerda will be primary associate starting next week.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Light IA, supporting long-duration fires in southern rough. Monitoring elevated fire potential through the weekend, continued RX.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, light activity. Significant incident occurred, will be reported as Seven Cabins Fire. SafeCom being completed.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- May 17, all personnel will officially realign to the USWFS.

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu – Sean Peterson

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- Uptick in IA activity across the states. South is extremely dry, deployed engine strike teams from WA to SW.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL1.

Australia expecting significant winter rainfall deficits.

Operating Plan edits will be presented next week.

Administration

PL – 2 (1.10)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Remain at PL2. -Support

NMAC Ops Plan

Review page 2 for primaries to be GA spokespersons.

Review agency title changes.

Greg and Chuck will work on finalizing document.

Australia/US Ops Plan

Changes in Council definitions included.

Discuss coverage for INLO on days off.

Negotiate deployment duration and work/rest with RFA.

Discuss daily flat rate and deployment levy.

Review and send all comments to Sean.

