

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

May 21, 2026

1100-1300

| Topic | Presenter(s) | Purpose |
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| 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 |
| NMAC Meet and Greet with CIFFC Executive Director Kelsey Winter and Staff | NMAC Representatives | Discussion |
| NMAC Ops Plan Finalization | Chuck Russell | Discussion |

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Chuck Russell | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> California: John Goss | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Basin: Vanessa Marquez | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest: Brian Ebert |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southern Area: Jason Demas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southwest: Mike Spilde |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICAC: Jason Loomis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Affairs: Andi Good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety: | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Analytics: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOW: Brian West |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intel: Perry Breitenstein | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USWFS Aviation: Matt Shaddle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton | <input type="checkbox"/> Airspace: Kim Owczarzak |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NIIC-D: Kim Albracht | <input type="checkbox"/> Cache: Nate Hesse | <input type="checkbox"/> IR: Rachael Hansen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crews: | <input type="checkbox"/> IMTs: | <input type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CGAC: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston | <input type="checkbox"/> Rappel: Adam Kahler |

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, Hans Ohme, Megan Kephart, Mark Goeller, LJ Brown, Jeremy Sullens, John Cervantes, Beau Dobberstein, Steve Goldman, Mike Henry, Jason Little, Jim Prevette, Peter Kelly, Kelsey Winter, Mike Krupski, Jay Kurth, Marcus Medina, Mike McCulley, Jason Miller, Josh O'Connor, Richard Parrish, Brant Porter, Harold Riggs, Penny States, Aaron Thompson, Travis Smelski

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 28 May 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL2, light IA, 19 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 93 crews, 562 engines, 37 helicopters, 5,219 personnel assigned. 2 crews assigned to ESF4 support.

South Ops: PL3, light IA, 25 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires.

Sandy – Light fuels, active behavior, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,100 acres, 30% contained.

Santa Rosa Island – Active behavior, structures threatened, 17,500 acres, 44% contained.

Verona – Cal Fire, active behavior, limited perimeter growth, 38% contained.

Bane – Light fuels, active behavior, 1,450 acres, 39% contained.

Foothill – Light fuels, active behavior, 900 acres, 50% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL1

Jericho Creek – Minimal behavior, 1,100 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 5 uncontained large fires.

Stinky – Light fuels, 2,300 acres, 85% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Seven Cabins – SW Team 1, light fuels, active behavior, evacuations, 16,700 acres, 6% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Thursday through Saturday)

- Above normal temperatures in California today will spread across much of the West by Saturday, with highs running 5-15°F above normal
- Low RH of 5-15% will be persistent across the Southwest, west of the Divide, and the Mojave Desert, with poor overnight recovery below 30% for mid-slopes and ridges
- The lower RH will spread across much of the Intermountain West Saturday with minima 5-20%, but poor recovery will mostly remain in the Southwest
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms are possible in northern California, the southern/western Great Basin, and southwest Colorado Friday into Saturday
- Dry and breezy conditions at times in the Great Lakes and northern New England through Saturday
- Increased precipitation in the Southeast focused on the southern Appalachians and Piedmont, with most isolated wetting rain in South Georgia and Florida

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- A break down in the moderate upper-level ridge is expected early next week in the West, with isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms Sunday-Monday across the Intermountain West, followed by increased winds in the Great Basin and Southwest Tuesday
- A commensurate increase in activity is expected, with heightened IA, and a few large fires likely to emerge
- The greatest chance for precipitation will be in the Northwest and northern Rockies, but wetting rain will be scattered, at best
- Upper-level ridging is likely to build over the Great Lakes late next week, with well above normal temperatures, and drier than normal conditions most likely in the Northeast



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

SACC Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory remains active.

Effective green-up in most areas except northernmost latitudes, higher elevation sites, drought impacted areas, and freeze interrupted areas.

Pacific West and deserts are mostly cured.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

| RESOURCE TYPE | # COMMITTED | # AVAILABLE | # OFF |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| LAT | | 20 | |
| VLAT | | 1 | |
| SCOOPER | | 8 | |
| AIR ATTACK | | 19 | |
| LEAD ASM | | 11 | |
| SEAT | 45 | 54 | |
| HELO TYPE1 | 29 | 139 | |
| HELO TYPE2 | 11 | 48 | |
| HELO TYPE3 | 26 | 111 | |
| LARGE TRANS | | | |
| CIMT | 1 | 26 | |
| CREW TYPE 1 (IHC) | 36 | 19 | |
| CREW TYPE 2IA | 32 | 24 | |
| CREW TYPE 2 | 9 | 689 | |
| SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48) | 4 | 57 | |
| SMOKEJUMPERS (AK) | 1.5 loads | 1.5 loads | |
| RAPPELERS | | 36 | |
| CATERERS | 1 | 7 | |
| SHOWERS | 1 | 55 | |

| UTF TYPE | # Resource UTF |
|------------|-----------------------|
| AIRCRAFT | 18 |
| TANKER | 10 |
| HELO | 2 EU |
| AIR ATTACK | 1 |
| IR | 1 |
| UAS | |
| SCOOPER | 2 |
| LEAD/ASM | 1 |
| CREWS | 0 |
| ENGINES | 9 |
| OVERHEAD | 40 (ACDP) |
| PENDING | 1 OH, 1 T3 helicopter |



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL2, light IA, 64 fires for 394 acres. IHCs and T2 crews are on.

California – Jay Kurth

- SOPS had 139 fires in the last week, RX continuing. NOPS had 124 fires. Early upped many aircraft and opened ATB early. Discussing step up plan to bring additional aircraft on early.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL3, will reassess next week, no current needs.

Great Basin – Vanessa Marquez

- PL2, incidents remain within GA capabilities.

Northern Rockies – Aaron Thompson

- Light IA, received precipitation that has tempered activity, monitoring incoming weather.

Northwest – Richard Parrish

- Light IA, continuing RX. Coordinating Group working through Charter, will have one DOI rep beginning June 17.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL1, minimal fire activity, uptick last weekend, 5 IHCs available. Challenges with cross boundary fires, discussing mitigation.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL2, light IA, expecting relief, continuing RX, no critical needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- Light IA, PL3, re-evaluating tomorrow. FS planning RX in AZ over the next couple of days.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Basic 32 training at JBLM scheduled for July 13-17, will put together interagency cadre.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

PL1

Draft International Mob Guide will go to Gordy and LJ today for policy review.

Administration

PL – 2 (2.50)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

NMAC Meet and Greet with CIFFC Executive Director Kelsey Winter and Staff

Mike McCulley – Director of Operations

Travis Smelski – Coordination Center Manager

Ensure resource exchanges are smooth.

New Airtanker Program up and running for 2026 with 10 assets.

Aircraft assets are shareable if they are not actively in use by the provinces.

Resource ordering and demobilization now occurs through a web-based product.

Lean in to the utilization of partners and IMTs, revitalize shadowing opportunities.

Preparedness Level

Tracker at a 2.5

Remain at PL2 through the weekend. -Support

NMAC Ops Plan Finalization

Ops Plan has been finalized.

Primary members should sign the Ops Plan on the SharePoint.

Ops Plan will be posted to the website.

