

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

May 28, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Brett Lutz	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 Delegation of Authority	NMAC Representatives	Discussion
International Mobilization Guide	Sean Peterson/Mike Mattfeldt	Information
International IMT Report Out	Bea Day/Billy Phillips	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"/> 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 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: Paul Cerda	<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: Hans Ohme, Bob Horton, Megan Kephart, Maegan Maughan, Jeremy Sullens, Jim Wallmann, Perry Breitenstein, Mike Mattfeldt, LJ Brown, Shane McDonald, Josh Simmons, Vince Carver, John Cervantes, Bea Day, Beau Dobberstein, Steve Goldman, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, Jim Prevette, Jay Kurth, Maj Fort, Marcus Medina, Jason Miller, Beale Monday, Billy Phillips, Brant Porter, Court Wallace, Justin Boeck, Harold Riggs

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 3 June 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL2, light IA, 570 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs, 39 crews, 227 engines, 33 helicopters, 3,000 personnel assigned. 2 crews assigned to Saipan.

Northwest: PL1

Zen – Light fuels, 1,634 acres, 40% contained.

Country Meadow – 1,700 acres, 60% contained.

South Ops: PL2, 4 new starts.

Northern Rockies: PL1, 3 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Bradshaw – Timber and brush, active behavior, 2,650 acres, 0% contained.

Jericho – Timber, minimal behavior, 2,000 acres, 41% contained.

Great Basin: PL2, light IA, 4 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Summit Creek – Timber, active behavior, residences threatened, 1,300 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, mitigating weather, 6 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires.

Shell – FL NF, southern rough, active behavior, 2,800 acres, 20% contained.

River – FL state, moderate behavior, 350 acres, 50% contained.

Southwest: PL3, moderate IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Seven Cabins – SW Team 1 TOC SW Team 2, light fuels, minimal behavior, received precipitation, 28,780 acres, 44% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Brett Lutz)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Thursday through Saturday)

- Well above normal temperatures again today across the Northern Plains & Upper Midwest with highs in the 80s and 90s and 10-20°F above normal along with locally breezy conditions
- Gusty winds of 40-50 mph with low RH in the 7-15% range will bring Red Flag Warning conditions to parts of Arizona, south-southeastern Utah, and southwest Colorado today into Friday
- Scattered, mostly wet thunderstorms likely today the interior Northwest, northwestern Greats Basin, & Montana will shift northeastward further into Montana and the Front Range to High Plains Friday
- Dry conditions and above normal temperatures continue across the Upper Midwest through Saturday
- Significant precipitation of a quarter of an inch to 2 inches is likely across the Northern Rockies into much of the Northern Plains Saturday

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Upper-level high pressure continues centered on the Great Lakes, with brief weakening late next week before restrengthening next weekend
- Upper-level ridging is expected to build westward into the West, as well, with widespread above normal temperatures for the West into the northern Plains and Great Lakes
- A weak upper-level low near the Southwest will bring moisture westward, but how far west of the Divide is uncertain
- Troughing may impinge on the Northwest late next week with an increase in winds for the northern half of the West, while wetter conditions continue for much of the Southern Area



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Recent precipitation improved Southern Area.

Active Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory in SA.

Current Drought Monitor recognizes beneficial precipitation in the South.

Gulf Coast drought is expected to persist.

Drought development occurring in the Upper Midwest, Western Great Lakes, etc.

Exposed fine fuels will ignite and burn readily across the Great Lakes and Alaska.

Many units in the West reporting heavy dead fuel moistures that are similar to peak summertime levels.

Northwest and Interior West becoming increasing flammable as green-up ends and fine fuels cure.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		20	
VLAT		2	
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		18	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	45	54	
HELO TYPE1	31	138	
HELO TYPE2	15	47	
HELO TYPE3	26	114	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	2	26	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	28	25	
CREW TYPE 2IA	24	26	
CREW TYPE 2	12	685	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	8	88	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		34	
RAPPELERS		20	
CATERERS	1	11	
SHOWERS	2	56	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	7
TANKER	2 VLAT, 1 LAT
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	4
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	4
OVERHEAD	36
PENDING	1 OH, 1 engine



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL2, light to moderate IA, no critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- No issues or concerns.

Eastern Area – Steve Goldman

- PL2, light to moderate IA, no precipitation expected.

Great Basin – Vanessa Marquez

- PL2, no national concerns or needs. Coordinating RLS regarding exposure on incident.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- No critical needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Light IA, NTR.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL1, minimal fire activity, no critical needs.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL1, light IA, no critical needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, light to moderate IA, state of NM received widespread precipitation. Seven Cabins TOC SW Team 1 to SW Team 2 tomorrow, reporting 209 issues.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL1, 1,300 fires for 42,000 acres

Saskatchewan broke first fire of 15,000 acres.

Australia abnormally dry, expecting earlier than normal fire season.

Administration

PL – 2 (2.22)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

Tracker is at 2.22, recommend remaining at PL2. -Support

NMAC Delegation of Authority

Chuck will send to NASF, USWFS, and USFS executive level for 2-week review and comment. Once approved, the final Delegation will be sent to US Fire Administration for review by solicitors.

International Mobilization Guide

USFS and USWFS have reviewed and approved.

2 additional chapters and 2 additional appendices.

NMAC will review and provide comments/edits by June 11.

International IMT Report Out

If teams are mobilized into the US, what are the challenges and what does the inbrief look like.

Added NWCG descriptor of positions.

Further research needed to address the technology barrier and system access for teams being brought over.

Discuss and consider the appropriate incident complexity.

RIST can help support, specifically with a T3 incident.

In-brief and orientation timeframe recommended for 2-4 days.

Social-political aspect should be considered, recommend accompanying LOFR.

Consider if a foreign national is able to hold the delegation.

Complete finance section likely.

FDNY Teams or NIMO may be utilized to support international IMTs.

Executive Secretary will distribute Report Out to NMAC Associate Members for review and comment due by June 3.

Briefing Paper on the Establishment of an All-Hazard Module

Review the Briefing Paper for discussion on June 4.

