

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

June 4, 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	Megan Kephart	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	Information
NMAC Tech Refresh	Ernie Ortiz	Discussion
Canada/US Plan	Megan Kephart	Information
International Mobilization Guide	Megan Kephart	Discussion
Status of Letters to RMCC and NRCC	Chuck Russell	Discussion
All-Hazard Module (AMOD) Proposal	Russ Long/Kristen Corkins	Discussion
Initial Attack Closest Forces Language	Chuck Russell	Discussion
Proposed NISRM Edits	Chuck Russell/Megan Kephart	Discussion

Attendees:

<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: Megan Kephart	<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: Steve Goldman
<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: Jim Prevette	<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: Caleb Ashby
<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: Scott Mayer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
<input type="checkbox"/> USWFS Aviation: Matt Shaddle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airspace: Tanner Aunnen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NIIC-D: Kim Albracht	<input type="checkbox"/> Cache: Nate Hesse	<input type="checkbox"/> IR: Rachael Hansen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crews: Chase Maness	<input type="checkbox"/> IMTs:	<input type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers:
<input type="checkbox"/> CGAC:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Hans Ohme, Brian Achziger, Maegan Maughan, Jeremy Sullens, Mike Mattfeldt, Perry Breitenstein, Ernie Ortiz, Jason Bruce, Vince Carver, John Cervantes, Ian Fisher, John Foley, Megan Heffentrager, Mark Hilton, Mike Krupski, John Mckee, Jason Miller, Beale Monday, Richard Parrish, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Harold Riggs, Kristen Corkins, Bryan Stamps, Mike Henry, Marcus Medina

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 11 June 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL2, light IA, 1 CIMT, 39 crews, 108 engines, 31 helicopters, 2,252 personnel assigned.

South Ops: PL2, 15 new starts

Border Six – Cal Fire, light fuels, minimal behavior, 2,600 acres, 25% contained.

Great Basin: PL2

Summit Creek – Active behavior, timber, 2,000 acres, 77% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 7 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Seven Cabins – SW Team, brush and timber, minimal behavior, received precipitation, focused on firing operations, 32,000 acres, 64% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Thursday through Saturday)

- A prolonged period of breezy/dry conditions and long burn periods due to very poor overnight RH recovery will begin today across much of the southern Great Basin, Southwest, west of the Divide, and West Slope, with the most widespread strong winds and low RH expected there Saturday
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms remain possible in southeast Arizona and near the Divide in western New Mexico and southwest New Mexico through Saturday providing a potential source of ignitions
- Breezy at times for the northern half of the West, as well, but not as warm or dry
- One more day of breezy conditions in Michigan today for high-risk significant fire potential before showers and thunderstorms tonight into tomorrow bring relief with areas of wetting rain
- Continued dry along much of the East Coast, but potential will be highest in the swamps of eastern North Carolina and Florida due to long-term drought

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Breezy to strong southwest winds and low RH will persist through at least next Wednesday across the southern/eastern Great Basin, Southwest, and West Slope for widespread elevated to critical conditions and moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- Isolated thunderstorms may develop across Utah Sunday, and near the Divide mid-next week for potential ignitions
- Scattered wetting rain for much of the northern half of the West mid-next week, before drying occurs, with hot temperatures possible in California late next week due to northerly offshore flow
- Hot temperatures return to the Great Lakes with increasing potential, although showers are possible in Minnesota, with the driest conditions in Michigan where potential will be dependent on tomorrow's rainfall



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Southeast is experiencing a rapid rebound in fire danger due to underlying, long-term moisture deficits and persistent dryness in dead woody fuels.

Very high ERCs in the Northeast, green-up mitigating ignition potential in a large portion of the area.

Drying continues in the West with most areas reporting dead fuel moistures and rapid drying, only lacking ignitions.

Moderating conditions continue in AK.

Eastern Area, specifically the Great Lakes, continuing to experience elevated high fire danger with erratic green-up and stressed live fuels.

GB fuels status used a criterion for RFW issuance with rapidly curing and curing in most areas.

Persisting risk in June for the Northern Plains, Upper Midwest and the Great Lakes.

Relief will be seen for Southern Area in June due to widespread precipitation.

Effective monsoon expected for the Greater Four Corners.

Busy summer fire season still likely for the Greater Northwest.



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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		20	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		22	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT			
HELO TYPE1	21	102	
HELO TYPE2	13	58	
HELO TYPE3	22	70	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	1	22	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	25	34	
CREW TYPE 2IA	24	42	
CREW TYPE 2	18		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	4	111	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	37	
RAPPELERS		100	
CATERERS			
SHOWERS	3	55	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	1
PENDING	

280 personnel assigned to RX.



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update **Alaska – Tyler Anderson**

- PL2, uptick in IA activity for the state, 105 fires, no concerns or needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- No needs or concerns. Border Six reported at 50% contained.

Eastern Area – Steve Goldman

- One fire of concern held below large fire criteria utilizing aircraft. Many NF in Great Lakes area requesting severity.

Great Basin – Vanessa Marquez

- PL2, all activity remains within GA capability.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- No needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- NTR

Rocky Mountain – Jason Miller

- PL1, light IA, pushing forward severity request on several forests.

Southern Area – Jim Prevetie

- No new fires, extended mop up on only fire of concern.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, MAC call scheduled for tomorrow. Benton fire is 200 acres, burning on both sides of international borders, coordinating aircraft response, shuttling resources in. Seven Cabins working on incident glidepath, received moisture.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- June 16 advanced party will head to JBLM to set up for July Basic 32 training. Memorandum of Agreement with DOW has been signed for the next 5 years. NIMO will have 4 full teams for July-October.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Working with FEMA on Wildfire Summit in Boise on June 30.

NASF – Greg Smith

- Southern group of State Foresters meeting wrapped up this week.

Liaison Report Out

International – Megan Kephart

CIFFC at PL2.

Administration

PL – 2 (1.58)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

NMAC Tech Refresh

At the end of 2026, all audio/visual will be moved to another group.

Desire for at least 2 additional wall screens, static bolted to the wall or on moving wheels.

Refresh the podium computer.

\$40-50k range

Jeremy and Ernie will work on a proposal.

Canada/US Plan Ready for Review

Final is ready for review.

Revisit June 11

International Mobilization Guide

Final is ready for signature.

Mike Mattfeldt will acquire signatures to be ready for NICC posting.

Status of Letters to RMCC and NRCC

Revisit June 11.

All-Hazard Module (AMOD) Proposal

What does this accomplish that is different from the current process in place?

Allow all-hazard branch to work with USWFS to create solutions.

DOI has a desire for AMOD rather than continued use of SMOD.

Kristen will provide feedback to NMAC for USWFS review.

Kristin Kirschner will be announced into All-Hazard position and work with Jim Shultz for USWFS.

AMOD would be a benefit to narrow resource draw for all-hazard activities.

Support the proposal with a refined minimum AMOD configuration.

Consider that all-hazards is a small portion of the time dispatch spends in IROC and additional items could clutter the system.

Consider standardizing to host one "Utility Module" rather than multiple modules.

Chuck will read out to DOI leadership regarding timelines and work with Russ to create an interagency group to review the comments.

In the meantime, mobilize ESF4 resources through historical means and the use of "special needs".

Propose short-term resolution that does not require AMOD to be added to the system via NWCG, IROC, etc.

Initial Attack Closest Forces Language

Conceptually approve of the language.



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Concern with agreement and condition assumptions being met, some centers do not have interoperability.

Goal to remove national language in NISRM that creates barriers for mobilizing resources.

Send feedback and barriers to NMAC members by 6/5.

Proposed NISRM Edits

The NISRM will be re-posted with approved edits and a new executive summary of changes.

Chapter 10 language – Approve

Demobilization Travel Guidance matching Red Book language – Review NWCG Interagency

Incident Business Standards language – Ox will review and draft language

Assignment definition – Review NWCG Interagency Incident Business Standards language match. - Megan Kephart will review

06R days – Megan Kephart will review

Maximum Consecutive Days Worked - Home Unit – Days off should follow agency policy.

Prescribed Fire Language – Approvals will be based on State Foresters.

Chapter 50 Resource Tracking – ONCC, OSCC, and AICC have flight following responsibilities. – Approve

Chapter 60 Required Reporting of Wildland Fires – Removed comp fire language and new reporting requirements and fall-off rules. – Approve

Recreated flow chart for when a 209 is needed. – Approve

IMSR will be posted 7 days a week through automation, outside of federal holidays. – Approve

Additional Action Items:

Review which participants remain on the meeting and for which portions.

