

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

June 24, 2026

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Andy Snyder	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Sean Peterson	Information
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NMAC Operations Report Out	Erica Lamb	Information
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Administration	Sean Peterson	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaska: Karis Collet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California: Jay Kurth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Basin: John Foley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northwest: Richard Parrish
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southern Area: Jason Demas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southwest: Harold Riggs
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Additional Attendees: Mark Goeller, Megan Kephart, Rick Stratton, Ben Gannon, Marcus Medina, Mike Henry, Josh Acosta, Seth Grimm, Court Wallace, Jason Miller, Joe Rogan, Jason Bruce, Mike Krupski, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Jim Prevette, Mark Hilton, John Mckee, Ewing Underwood

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 26 June 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL3, light IA, 164 new starts, 32 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs, 125 crews, 376 engines, 62 helicopters, 6,300 personnel assigned.

11 aircraft, 9 crews, 5 pieces of equipment, 312 overhead committed to RX.

Northwest: PL2, 5 new starts.

Garrett Road – 3,300 acres, 27% contained.

Lytle – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 600 acres, 40% contained.

Kartar – 80% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL1, 1 new start.

Shingle Creek – NR Team 1 mobilizing, IDL, 615 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, light IA, 15 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Kinky Creek – Bridger Teton NF, timber, active to extreme behavior, 500 acres, 0% contained, T3 IMT.

Cottonwood – GB Team 5, timber, extreme behavior, structures threatened, 70,000 acres, 0% contained.

Iron – UT state, GB Team 3, light fuels and timber, active behavior, 38,000 acres, 9% contained.

Bonneville – Minimal behavior, 566 acres, 84% contained.

Hastings – Active behavior, light fuels, 26,400 acres, 25% contained.

Grapevine – Extreme behavior, 23,000 acres, 0% contained.

Kane Springs – Active behavior, 40% contained.

Sawmill – Active behavior, 2,800 acres, 25% contained.

Rock Canyon – 90% contained.

Southern Area: 25 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires.

Orange Hammock (58) – 850 acres, 35% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, light IA, 6 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Dry Creek – County, light fuels, T3 IMT, 315 acres, 0% contained.

Wagon Wheel – County, grass, 1,300 acres.

Alaska: PL3, 5 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 14 staffed fires.

Starry – AK State, timber, minimal behavior, 550 acres, 50% contained.

Elliott Complex – Minimal behavior, 200 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3, light IA, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Mccauley Springs – 50 acres, heavy airtankers engaged.

Pocket – SW Team 2, active behavior, established spot fire, 700 acres, 0% contained.

Sycamore – Light fuels, active behavior, 9,500 acres, 17% contained.

Flat – BIA, timber and light fuels, minimal behavior, 700 acres, 2% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Andy Snyder)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Wednesday through Sunday)

- Thunderstorms will quickly expand across the western U.S. today, continuing into Thursday before departing the region Friday
- Lightning-ignited fires will likely emerge where conditions are driest from the Great Basin into the Rocky Mountain and Southwest geographic areas
- Erratic outflow winds will accompany thunderstorm activity, which may affect established fires and any new incidents; some local relief will also occur with wetting rain and a brief improvement in humidity
- A high-impact wind event will immediately follow from Friday into the weekend, with extreme wind gusts that are rare for the summer months especially likely on Saturday
- Portions of southern California to the Four Corners states will see southwesterly gusts from 30-45 mph Friday through Sunday, but gusts on Saturday could easily exceed 60 mph in favored downslope areas
- After a short period of increased fire potential in the northern Intermountain West today and tomorrow, much colder and more humid weather will arrive Friday and persist into the weekend
- Some lightning will continue in Alaska today, but an overall improvement in the fire environment is likely into the weekend and early next week

Long-term (Monday through next Friday)

- Cooler weather will continue in much of the West early next week, but dry and occasionally breezy conditions will continue for most areas that see increasing fire activity the next few days
- The central and eastern U.S. will see a notable heat wave, with record high temperatures and an overall drier pattern
- Significant fire potential could increase next week for portions of the coastal Southeast, while some fire activity could eventually return to the southern Great Plains, as well



Strategic Analytics Report – Rick Stratton

Consider if California should be marked as one area or two GACCs.

Radar charts show GB and SW trending up and AK remaining fairly flat as far as activity.

High lightning risk the next two days followed by high winds.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	2
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		31	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	42	15	
HELO TYPE1	57	72	
HELO TYPE2	35	48	
HELO TYPE3	42	59	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	4	17	1 NIMO available
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	71	20	
CREW TYPE 2IA	89	14	
CREW TYPE 2	49	Several hundred	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	32	121	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	83	26	
RAPPELERS		154	
CATERERS	7	22	
SHOWERS	11	44	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	31
TANKER	8
HELO	7
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	1
OVERHEAD	35
PENDING	1 overhead, 1 engines, 4 T2IA crews, 6 EU helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Karis Collet

- PL3, moderating IA, issuing Red Flag warnings in the north. AK state has 9 staffed fires, USWFS has 5 staffed fires. State has released Alberta tanker group. 2 staffed fires have T3 IMTs.

California – Jay Kurth

- No issues or concerns. Anticipating additional forecasted lightning, catching many fires in 20–30-acre range.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL1, minimal activity, supporting needs outside the GACC. Seth Grimm will be the tertiary member if neither primary or secondary are available.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, high activity, 10 large fires, IC calls began this morning. Cottonwood has seen large growth, critical to hold the fire. Scoopers needed to support Kinky Creek. Crews and UAS needed for Cottonwood. Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory expected.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- No needs or concerns, exporting resources.

Northwest – Richard Parrish

- Light IA, monitoring weather with cooler temperatures and IA. Airtanker and Lead support has been critical for good catches. Wagon Road fire had engine burn.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, light IA, maintaining drawdown levels, no needs or concerns.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL1, shifting toward exporting resources, no critical needs.

Southwest – Harold Riggs

- PL3, monitoring weather event for potential PL4. No needs at this time.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – LJ Brown

- NTR

USFS – Hans Ohme

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Aitor will be out Friday. USFA Administrator will attend on Monday.

NASF – Greg Smith

- George Geissler will cover 6/29 and 7/1.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Mountain Home ATB will be back online today.

Cedar City has temp tower.

Last EU SEATs start today.

2 CWN air attack platforms starting today.

7 UAS modules on, additional coming on Friday.

SW and GB are out of UAS.

GB working on ordering T1 helicopter for Cottonwood.

48 lower 48 boosters in AK.

TFRs trending upwards, 3 Airspace Coordinators assigned.

Revisit MAFFS discussion on 6/26.

T1 and T2 IA crew availability remains good.

16 T1/T2 IA crews time out in GB on 7/1. Working on plan

4 CIMTs committed.

22 RIST staff supporting 18 incidents.

NIIC-D has 2 COMCs out, expecting additional requests.

Shipping delays occurred over last holiday weekend, preparing for the upcoming holiday.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

PL1, limited activity, meeting with CIFFC today.

Administration

PL – 3 (3.48)

GACC Priority: GB, SW, NW, AK, RM, NR, SA

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

Recommend remaining at PL3 and re-evaluating on Friday. -Support

