

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

June 26, 2026

1100-1300

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
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	Erica Lamb	Information
International and DOW Report Out		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: Karis Collet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California: Jay Kurth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Area: Steve Goldman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Basin: John Foley	<input 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"/> Safety:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers: JT Gilman
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Additional Attendees: Hans Ohme, Megan Kephart, Mark Goeller, Chief Fennessy, LJ Brown, Shaun Jensen, Jason Miller, Beau Dobberstein, Josh Acosta, Jim Prevette, Mark Hilton, Perry Breitenstein, Andi Good, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Mike Krupski, Lindsey Lewis, Harold Riggs, Dave Underwood

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 29 June 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL3, light IA, 195 new starts, 36 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs, 143 crews, 364 helicopters, 6,500 personnel assigned.

7 AC, 7 crews, 7 engines assigned to RX.

Northwest: PL2, 8 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Kartar – 95% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL1, 5 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Shingle Creek – IDL, NR Team 1, active precipitation, 615 acres, 10% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, moderate IA, 8 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Cottonwood – GB Team 5, timber and light fuels, active behavior, 72,000 acres, 0% contained.

Iron – State UT, GB Team 3, light fuels, moderate behavior, 40,700 acres, 26% contained.

Grapevine – Timber and light fuels, active behavior, 24,000 acres, 0% contained.

Kane Springs – Moderate behavior, 17,000 acres, 50% contained.

Kinky Creek – Timber, active behavior, 860 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, light IA, 6 uncontained large fires.

Ehren Cutoff 51 – FL FS, moderate behavior, 525 acres, 91% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 3 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Dry Creek – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, 90% contained.

Wagon Wheel – 100% contained.

Alaska: PL3, light IA, 12 uncontained large fires, 13 staffed fires.

Starry – AK DOF, minimal behavior, 546 acres, 65% contained.

Elliott Complex – Minimal behavior, 208 acres, 50% contained.

Polly – Timber, moderate behavior, residences threatened, 120 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 7 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Pocket – SW Team 2, timber, moderate behavior, light precipitation, 1,400 acres, 0% contained.

Sycamore – Light fuels, active behavior, 11,800 acres, 37% contained.

White Tail – Light fuels, minimal behavior, 850 acres, 20% contained.

Flat – 136 acres, 66% contained.

McCauley Springs – SW Team 3, active behavior, timber, 700 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Andy Snyder)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Tuesday)

- A multi-day high wind event will begin today, resulting in potentially significant wildland fire impacts for the Southwest, Great Basin and Rocky Mountain geographic areas into Saturday and Sunday
- Extremely critical fire weather conditions are likely today and may continue into the weekend due to the combination of relative humidity from 3-15% and wind gusts upwards of 30-50 mph, locally much higher
- At the same time, unusually cold weather for this time of year will expand from the Northwest into Idaho and Montana, eventually covering much of the West this weekend into early next week
- This will result in minimal fire weather concerns across the northern Intermountain West this weekend into the first part of next week
- Hot temperatures will increase in coverage over the eastern and central U.S. through the period, with record highs likely from the Great Lakes to the interior Southeast early next week
- Alaska will see a bit more lightning today and Saturday, but widespread wetting rain and cooler conditions will bring decreasing fire risks there by early next week

Long-term (Wednesday through next Sunday)

- A notable, record-breaking heat wave is likely for the eastern states late next week into the holiday weekend, centered from the southern Appalachians to the coastal Mid-Atlantic and Southeast
- Temperatures will increase across the Southwest and Rockies, with a warming trend eventually reaching into the northern Intermountain West during the holiday weekend
- The return of monsoonal moisture continues to be delayed, and an overall drying trend is likely for most of the West during the extended period



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory expected for portions of GB over the next couple of days.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	2
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		31	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	42	15	
HELO TYPE1	59	70	
HELO TYPE2	35	48	
HELO TYPE3	44	57	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	5	14	1 NIMO available
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	78	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	96	5	
CREW TYPE 2	55	Several hundred	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	35	118	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	83	20	
RAPPELERS		126	
CATERERS	7	22	
SHOWERS	11	47	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	17
TANKER	0
HELO	5
AIR ATTACK	
IR	1
UAS	1
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	6
OVERHEAD	48
PENDING	16 oh, 2 IHCs, 3 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Karis Collet

- PL3, light IA, relying on heavy tactical aviation use for IA. Concern with continuing red flag conditions. Over 9,000 lightning strikes yesterday. Additional smokejumper boost ordered.

California – Jay Kurth

- PL2, no issues or concerns.

Eastern Area – Steve Goldman

- Light IA.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, moderate IA, Red Flag Warnings. Critical needs for 9 TFLD, 2 scoopers. Crew cliff upcoming on Cottonwood in the next 3-5 days.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- No issues or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Consistent IA, main large fires will be dropping off in the short term. 2 fires between FS and NPS that will remain on the terrain for the duration of the summer due to location and terrain.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, backfilling drawdown resources, no needs or concerns.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, moderate IA. Critical fire weather and lightning on the verge of PL4.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- FEMA Fire Summit Tuesday, June 30. Several DOI guests will be present next week.

USFS – Hans Ohme

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- Spoke with UT, moved crew from WY but will likely need additional resources.

NMAC Operations Report Out

All 8 FS short-haul platforms are now on.

All 16 rappel aircraft are active.

12 UMODs are on, more difficult filling orders.

Dash 8 smokejumper plane moved from Redding to Missoula.

TFRs are moderated for this time of year, 1 temp tower and 3 Airspace Coordinators active.

Crew ordering is light, trickling crews into GB to avoid an additional cliff.

23 RIST staff supporting 17 incidents.

NIIC-D supporting incidents with equipment and frequencies.

NIIC-D developing shipping guide with GBK.

Recommend holding off on activating MAFFS. -Support

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL1, limited activity.

Prepared to support the US as needed.



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Administration

PL – 3

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

Recommend remaining at PL3. -Support

DOI Resource Check-In

No consistent check-in sheet utilized by all teams.

E-ISuite DOI is not a selectable option, legacy bureaus

T3 incidents with less formal check-in process, data issues are appearing with

Recommend drafting NMAC memo that outlines DOI resources utilize legacy bureaus to communicate standard check-in process. -Support

LJ will draft the NMAC memo for review on June 29.

