

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

June 29, 2026

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Megan Kephart	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Andy Snyder	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
NMAC Operations Report Out	Erica Lamb	Information
DOW Report Out	Maj Brian West	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

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Additional Attendees: Hans Ohme, LJ Brown, Chief Fennessy, Mark Goeller, Greg Smith, Jim Wallmann, Jeremy Sullens, Perry Breitenstein, Josh Acosta, Jason Bruce, Col Jason Little, Ben Gannon, JT Gilman, Steve Goldman, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Shaun Jensen, Jim Prevette, Mike Krupski, Marcus Medina, Jason Miller, Richard Parrish, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Harold Riggs, Kevin Sweeney, Mike Theune, Dave Underwood, USFA special guests

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 30 June 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL4, light IA, 79 fires, 52 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs, 166 crews, 76 helicopters, 7,926 personnel assigned.

Great Basin: PL4, 9 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Iron and Cherry – GB Team 3, moderating fire behavior, 75,000 acres.

Wild Goose – GB Team 7, timber and grass, moderate behavior, evacuations, 11,000 acres, 3% contained.

Cottonwood – GB Team 5, active behavior, 93,000 acres, 0% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 2 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 38,000 acres, 0% contained.

Snyder and Jones – Merged, RM Team 1, extreme behavior, 28,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 7 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – County, CIMT ordered, timber, 40+ acres, 0% contained.

Doe Canyon and Ferris – Merged, T3 IMT, extreme behavior, 10,000 acres, 0% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, extreme behavior, timber, airtankers committed, evacuations, 5,000 acres.

Willow – SW Team 4 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 6 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Pocket – SW Team 2, active behavior, timber, 6,000 acres.

Bee Hive – T3 IMT, active behavior, timber, 2,500 acres.

McCauley Springs – Moderating conditions, releasing SW Team 3 later this week.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Andy Snyder)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Monday through Friday)

- High winds will target far northern New Mexico into much of Colorado and southeastern Wyoming today, resulting in significant impacts to established fires and any emerging incidents
- The rest of the Southwest into the Great Basin will see dry and breezy weather today, but conditions will improve considerably from what occurred the past few days
- Periods of critical fire weather are likely much of the week with an overall warming and drying trend across the Great Basin, Southwest and Rocky Mountain geographic areas, with burn periods likely measured in days late in the week
- Farther north, cool and unsettled weather early in the week will be followed by a gradual warming and drying trend
- Some thunderstorm activity will be possible near the Divide in New Mexico and Colorado this week, but most of the southern Intermountain West will not see any rainfall as monsoonal moisture remains poor
- Record-breaking heat will affect the central and eastern United States, bringing an increase in fire risks to portions of the coastal Southeast still experiencing severe to exceptional drought

Long-term (Saturday through next Wednesday)

- A warming trend is expected in the West, with all areas expected to be 5-15°F above normal early to mid-next week, but winds will be lighter for the southern half of the West
- The greater Four Corners will remain very dry, with long burn periods through at least mid-next week, with the monsoon not expected to begin for 10-14 days at the earliest
- Hot temperatures continue in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast through the weekend with continued moderate significant fire potential, with some rain possible by mid-next week



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory active for eastern NV, the Arizona Strip and Utah.

Most fires likely looking at indirect strategies until there is fuels improvement.

AK experiencing moderating conditions.

Most of the west will continue to stay dry or become increasingly dry.

Above normal temperatures returning to the West, with little precipitation forecast.



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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		28	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT		46	
HELO TYPE1	64	68	
HELO TYPE2	29	46	
HELO TYPE3	43	59	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	10	13	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	70	Handful	
CREW TYPE 2IA	108	5	
CREW TYPE 2	63	Hundreds	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	79	23	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	46	96	
RAPPELERS		146	
CATERERS	9	18	
SHOWERS	15	42	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	5
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	4
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	5
OVERHEAD	44 (HEQB, dispatch, middle management)
PENDING	39 crews, 2 engines, 1 T1 helicopter

1 helicopter, 12 engines, 7 crews, 51 overhead assigned to RX.



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- Moderating weather will continue to close out existing extended attack incidents. Considering decreasing to PL2 later this week. AK CIMT will mobilize as soon as roster is finalized.

California – Jay Kurth

- Continue to export resources.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- Light initial activity, exporting resources. 1 T3 IMT will be available on 7/8, creating task force for 7/3 availability.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, decreased in IA yesterday, heavy fire activity. Babylon will inbrief at 1900 today. Critical needs include middle management, helicopters, crews for upcoming cliff. Burn injury and run-in landing occurred yesterday.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Continuing to export resources as able.

Northwest – Richard Parrish

- Richard will be the associate for the week.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, uptick in IA activity. Aspen Acres and Gold Mountain grounded aircraft due to wind. Recommend backfilling repositioned CIMT. Critical needs to T1 and T2IA crews.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Minimal activity, no critical needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, no critical needs. Pocket reporting 11,192 acres.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Brian Achziger

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Review 3:1 CIMT rotation and additional prepositioned CIMT.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- FEMA Wildfire Summit tomorrow.

NASF – George Geissler

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

Aviation resources and management continue to move to cover many areas.

Heavy support across RM.

Rotor-wing T1 and T2 standard CWN resources limited.

All short-haul platforms are on.

16 rappel ships are on, 1 mobilizing to AK.

All ATB issues currently discussed have been addressed.

Revisit MAFFS discussion later this week.

Two SMKJ Dash 8s in AK.

3 Airspace Coordinators assigned, 27 TFRs in place.

Airspace Coordinator moving into place tomorrow to support America 250 events.

Crews moving into RM to support incidents tomorrow.

Monitoring upcoming crew cliff in GB.

Significant increase in RIST requests, supporting 27 incidents (18 T3).

NIIC-D supporting current and new incidents, 3 COMC mobilized.

NISC desk has been stood up for cache to cache transfers.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Megan Kephart

CIFFC at PL2, activity increase in the far north provinces.

NICC discussing crew availability, meeting at 1430.

DOW – Brian West

Expecting to deploy to NIFC by Wednesday evening.

Ground force is still tracking training July 13-17. Cadre is assembled and training is track.

Administration

PL – 4 (3.9)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Complex Incident Management Teams

Recommend filling Aspen Acres (DTN 6/29 at 1800) with AK CIMT. -Support

Recommend repositioning another CIMT with CA in/near SLC. NLT 6/30 at 1800 -Support

EA does not have CIMT available.

GB will have a team available on 7/2.

NR, NW, SA are the next three GAs with team availability.

After every CIMT in the GA has had at least one assignment, they must follow 3 internal assignments, 1 external assignment from the national rotation.

CIMT extensions may be supported to avoid team cliffs and bridge the gap to turn the incident back to the local unit.

