

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

June 30, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Megan Kephart	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
NMAC Operations Report Out	Erica Lamb	Information
International and DOW Report Out	Megan Kephart	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
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<input type="checkbox"/> NASF: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Megan Kephart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Craig Daugherty
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Basin: John Foley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	<input 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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Additional Attendees: Jim Prevette, Jeremy Sullens, Mark Hilton, Trevor Pollock, Harold Riggs, Karis Collet, Beau Dobberstein, Dave Underwood, Jason Miller, Steve Goldman, Jason Bruce, George Geissler, Josh Ingle, Mike Krupski, Marcus Medina, Bryan Stamps, Dave Williams, Josh Acosta, Perry Breitenstein

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 1 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL4, light IA, 83 new starts, 54 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs, 175 crews, 75 helicopters, 8,261 personnel assigned.

Northwest: PL2

Lamden – Light fuels, active behavior, 14,000 acres.

Great Basin: PL4, 4 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Cottonwood – GB Team 5, brush and timber, active behavior, 94,000 acres, 4% contained.

Wild Goose – GB Team 7, active behavior, need to HEQB, 11,000 acres, 7% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 2 inbriefing tonight, active behavior, national park closures,

Snyder – RM Team 1, moderate behavior, critical need for crews and fireline medical personnel due to steep terrain, 30,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 14 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Ferris – Merged with Doe Canyon, active behavior, wind-driven runs, T3 IMT, 17,000 acres, 0% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, extreme behavior, timber, 7,100 acres, 0% contained.

Willow – SW Team 4, active behavior, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

Aspen Acres – AK Team 1 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber and grass, 22,000 acres,

Sheep Head – County, brush, 1,000 acres.

Southwest: PL3, 8 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Pocket – SW Team 2, moderate behavior, critical need for air attack platform and IHCs, 15,000 acres, 0% contained.

Sacaton – Moderate behavior, timber, 380 acres.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Tuesday through Saturday)

- Breezy west to southwest winds will persist in the southern Great Basin, central Rockies, and Southwest through Friday creating periods of elevated to locally critical conditions
- Minimum RH of 3-15% will develop, with poor overnight recovery, especially tomorrow night through Friday night when maxima below 20% is likely near and west of the Divide creating very long burning periods measured in days for some locations
- Isolated dry thunderstorms are also expected this afternoon for central/eastern New Mexico into the Front Range and central High Plains with several new ignitions likely
- Farther north and west, isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue into tomorrow in the northern half of the West with a gradual warming trend later this week
- Record-breaking heat will affect the central and eastern United States, bringing an increase in fire risk to portions of the coastal Southeast and Mid-Atlantic where long term drought persists
- While a brief warming trend will occur midweek in Alaska, recent precipitation will keep significant fire potential very low across much of the state through the weekend

Long-term (Sunday through next Thursday)

- A warming trend is expected in the West, with all areas expected to be 5-20°F above normal with much lower RH 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 into mid-next week, with a slow increase in monsoon moisture possible near the Mexican border late next week
- A cooling trend is expected along the East Coast along with a better chance of showers and thunderstorms with significant fire potential slowly moderating



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

ERC percentile classes can misrepresent the magnitude of change when values are near the class boundaries.

Every PSA is represented by just a few RAWS so precipitation can be misrepresented.

Forecasted ERC for next weekly period are more elevated for the Interior West, spreading into the Plains.



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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		26	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT		46	
HELO TYPE1	68	58	
HELO TYPE2	29	46	
HELO TYPE3	44	60	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	11	12	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	70	4	
CREW TYPE 2IA	109	4	
CREW TYPE 2	58		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	30	97	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	101	20	
RAPPELERS		95	
CATERERS	13	16	
SHOWERS	17	38	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	3
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	10
ENGINES	7
OVERHEAD	39 (dispatch, helicopter personnel)
PENDING	46 oh, 21 crews

2 crews and 50 overhead assigned to RX.



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL3, decreasing to PL2. Light IA with moderating weather. Releasing aviation assets. Sending resources back to home units as they time out or come off incident.

California – Jay Kurth

- No change or concerns.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL1, minimal activity. EA CIMT coming up available on rotation. Working on T3 IMT and task force for out of GACC mobilization capability.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, 8 active large fires. GB Team 2 inbrief last night on Babylon. Critical need for crews.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- No critical needs or concerns, some crew availability. T3 IMT available nationally.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Aviation support critical for IA. Need for HECM.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, critical needs for T1 and T2IA crews. Concern with significant activity across entire GA. Discussing requesting national surge package. SW Team 4 inbrief yesterday, AK Team 1 will inbrief tomorrow.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL1, light IA.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, moderate IA. Making good progress on T3 incidents, 2 likely to be closed out later this week. Good progress on Pocket, placing replacement CIMT order DTN 7/3 at 1400. No critical needs.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- N/A

NASF – Greg Smith – George Geissler

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

Onboarding CWN T1 helicopters, 2 additional EU being brought on.

All 8 short-haul platforms available.

140 rappellers on 16 ships, 1 arrived in Fairbanks today.

3-4 CWN airtankers available, revisit MAFFS.

Increasingly difficult to fill UAS modules.

Lower 48 boosters trickling back from AK as they time out.

4 Airspace Coordinators mobilized.

Difficulty issuing TFRs yesterday through the NOTUM system.

5 T1, 2 T2IA crews mobilized to RM.

Available crews being distributed between GB and RM.

CA Team 6 mobilizing to SLC tonight for preposition.

2 weeks ahead of schedule on typical RIST requests, adding decision support groups for GB and RM.

Radio and frequency requests continue.

Liaison Report Out

International – Megan Kephart

PL3, increased activity in numerous provinces.



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Administration

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

National Surge Package

If a GA has a need for surge packages, NASF, FS, and USWFS will assist with locating resources to fill those needs.

Finalize billing plan for surge packages.

Complex Incident Management Teams

CA Team 6 will be prepositioned in SLC tonight.

Option 1 – Fill Pocket replacement request with CA Team 6.

Option 2 – Fill Pocket replacement request with NR.

Revisit Pocket replacement request on 7/1.

LJ will be backup CIMT Coordinator through the holiday weekend.

At PL4, GA surge capacity IMT availability should be communicated with NMAC, the CIMT Coordinator and rostered in IROC.

In the weekly rotation, when you make it through all 9 slots, you do not jump to the next week's rotation schedule. The rotation for the week will start back at the beginning.

Revisit surge IMTs on 7/1.

