

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 1, 2026

1100-1200

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
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NMAC Operations Report Out	Erica Lamb	Information
International	Megan Kephart	Information
Strategic Analytics Report	Rick Stratton	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Basin: John Foley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northwest: Richard Parrish
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Additional Attendees: Hans Ohme, LJ Brown, Perry Breitenstein, Jeremy Sullens, Josh Acosta, Julie Polutnik, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Harold Riggs, Jim Prevette, John Goss, Richard Parrish, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Shihming Huang, Jason Little, Penny States, Shaun Jensen, Mike Krupski, John Mckee, Marcus Medina, Jason Miller, Seth Morphis, Trevor Pollock, Mike Theune, Dave Underwood, Dave Williams, Carrie Otto

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 2 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL4, light IA, 100 new starts, 51 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs, 516 engines, 11,800 personnel assigned.

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

Wild Goose – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, no critical needs, 11,000 acres, 24% contained.

Cottonwood – GB Team 5, active behavior, 94,000 acres, 5% contained.

Babylon – Extreme behavior, 80,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 1 new start, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Ferris – Timber and light fuels, active behavior, T3 IMT, 23,000 acres, 0% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, extreme behavior, critical needs for crews and aircraft, 15,000 acres.

Aspen Acres – AK Team 1, active behavior, critical need for crews and engines, 29,000 acres, 0% contained.

Willow – SW Team 4, active behavior, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Log Road – Timber and light fuels, active behavior, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

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

Pocket – SW Team 2, timber, moderate behavior, 17,000 acres, 20% contained.

Sacaton – Active behavior, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- 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, with maxima below 20% likely near and west of the Divide creating very long burning periods measured in days for some locations
- Farther north and west, isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue into today in the northern half of the West, although some storms in the northern Great Basin will be mixed wet/dry, followed by 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 in Alaska, recent precipitation will keep significant fire potential very low across much of the state through the weekend

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- A warming trend will develop in the West into mid-next week with moderate significant fire potential spreading from the southern half of the West into the Inland Northwest, northern Great Basin, and Black Hills for the holiday weekend and beyond
- Isolated dry thunderstorms are also possible for portions of California, Oregon, and the northern Great Basin early next week due to a weak upper-level wave
- The Greater Four Corners will remain very dry with long burn periods through into mid-next week but winds are light
- A slow increase in monsoon moisture is expected near the Mexican border next week with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms by mid-next week, but how far north the moisture moves is uncertain, with isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms possible farther north into the Four Corners
- A cold front will move down the East Coast this weekend with isolated thunderstorms and possible new ignitions, followed by a cooling trend early next week and more showers and thunderstorms, but widespread wetting rain is not expected



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Rocky Mountain Coordination Center has issued a Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory that covers much of Colorado (bookends the Great Basin's recent F&FBA) into southern Wyoming. Nearly 125 million acres of land under Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories between GB and RM.

Strategic Analytics Report (Rick Stratton)

Rocky Mountain is the priority, trending upward.
Great Basin is leveling out, followed closely by SW.
AK has been removed due to models showing moderation.



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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		23	4
VLAT		11	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT		46	
HELO TYPE1	65	52	
HELO TYPE2	32		
HELO TYPE3	44	60	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	11	18	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	68	6	
CREW TYPE 2IA	105	5	
CREW TYPE 2	64	Plethora	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	30	112	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	46	38	
RAPPELERS		129	
CATERERS	12	16	
SHOWERS	19	37	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	1
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	3
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	8
ENGINES	5
OVERHEAD	75 (dispatch, middle management, helicopter management)
PENDING	35 overhead, 19 crews

7 engines, 3 crews, 56 overhead assigned to RX.



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

- PL2, light IA, no critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL2, light IA. Large fire at Camp Pendleton, not anticipating needs.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Seth Grimm

- PL1, small nuisance fires. Mobilizing 1 task force to RM, building a second. EA CIMT available tomorrow.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, stood up MAC group today. Critical needs for T1 and T2IA crews.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- No issues or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- No significant activity.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, critical need for T1 and T2IA crews. Concern with Ferris approaching trigger point for CIMT risk analysis. All-hazard IMT mobilized to SD for Mount Rushmore America 250 celebration.

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Jim Prevette

- Minimal IA, SA T3 IMT rostered and available in IROC.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- PL3, light IA, all T2 incidents are winding down, many resources are being released as needed. Moderate support for GJ needs.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- One air attack platform will be down in AK.

USFS – Russ Long

- Several air attack platforms will at stand down. No NIMO teams available. Ongoing efforts coordinating and supporting Knowles incident.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Typhoon building and tracking toward Guam, potential to impact ESF4.

NASF – Greg Smith – George Geissler

- Log Road in NE may be prepping resource requests, likely able to support through the state compact.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Rotor-wing fleet getting low on CWN pool, will deplete in the next couple of weeks.

Monitoring GA coverage of short-haul aircraft as they are moved.

Aircraft will remain in AK through the weekend.

16 UMODs committed.

As SMKJ boosters time out in AK, they will demobilize to the lower 48.

3 Airspace Coordinators committed.

IAA coverage good for both day and night.

Continue to support RM and GB with T1 and T2IA crews.

Priority to continue balancing crew allocation and avoid future cliffs.

Continued RIST support at a high rate.

NIIC-D supporting 14 active incidents with 4390 starter systems, 4 COMC out.

Cache working with Stu Rodeffer to acquire military training equipment.

Liaison Report Out

International – Megan Kephart

Scheduled weekly call this afternoon.



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Administration

PL – 4 (4.01)

GACC Priority: GB, RM, SW, NW

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Aviation

Out of an abundance of caution, 4 AC690 (1 FS EU, 2 CWN, 1 USWFS) are being stood down.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Replacement/extension/transition CIMT requests and glidepaths should be submitted on assignment day 10.

Recommend filling Pocket replacement request with CA Team 6. -Support

Surge capacity IMTs includes state CIMTs, FDNY, etc. and it is beneficial to have a list of all those prior to need.

