

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 2, 2026

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	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	Megan Kephart	Information
Strategic Analytics Report	Rick Stratton	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	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, Mark Goeller, Julie Polutnik, Jeremy Sullens, Josh Costa, Mike Henry, Marcus Medina, Jason Little, Trevor Pollock, John Mckee, Mark Hilton, Mike Krupski, Jim Prevette, Karis Berrian, Josh Ingle, Dave Underwood, Dave Williams, Mike Thenu, Jason Bruce, Megan Heffentrager, Seth Morphis, Richard Parrish, Harold Riggs

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 3 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL4, light IA, 75 new starts, 49 uncontained large fires, 182 crews, 603 engines, 92 helicopters, 12 CIMTs, 9,630 personnel assigned.

Northwest: PL2, two good catches yesterday with aviation assets.

Great Basin: PL4, 6 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Wild Goose – GB Team 7, active behavior, structures threatened, 11,300 acres, 24% contained.

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

Babylon – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, concerns for town, 80,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Ferris – Timber and brush, active behavior, critical needs for engines and middle management, 27,000 acres, 0% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, active behavior, established spot fire, 18,000 acres, 0% contained.

Aspen Acres – AK Team 1, extreme behavior, pyro CB yesterday creating its own weather, evacuations, 50,000 acres, 0% contained.

Willow – SW Team 4, active behavior, critical need for engines and crews, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 2 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Pocket – SW Team 2, CA Team 6 mobilizing, moderate behavior, critical needs for 2 IHCs and air attack platform, 20,000 acres, 21% contained.

Sacaton – T3 IMT mobilizing, timber, active behavior, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today 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 critical conditions
- Minimum RH of 3-15% will develop, with poor overnight recovery, as maxima below 20% is likely near and west of the Divide creating very long burn periods measured in days for some locations
- Farther north and west, warmer and drier conditions will spread across the northern Intermountain West, with breezy west winds expected Saturday in the Cascade gaps and Columbia Basin creating elevated conditions
- 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
- Dry conditions will persist across Puerto Rico into the weekend increasing fire potential to moderate
- Alaska remains seasonable today with isolated showers and slight cooling for tomorrow and Saturday

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Above normal temperatures and increased mid-level moisture is more likely early next week across the southern two-thirds of the Intermountain West with moderate to locally high-risk significant fire potential due to dry thunderstorms
- Another period of very dry conditions is likely for the Four Corners mid to late next week, and will spread into the northern half of the West to dry fuels after the recently moderated conditions
- Hot temperatures continue in the Carolinas through Monday, with high-risk significant fire potential Sunday, with lightning ignitions possible early next week before moderating conditions are expected mid to late next week
- Increasing dry trade winds will bring high-risk significant fire potential to Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands early next week
- Tropical Storm Bavi in the western Pacific is forecast to become a super typhoon as it passes through the Northern Mariana Islands, with major impacts likely, especially for Tinian and Saipan



Tropical Storm Bavi is forecast to rapidly strengthen between now and Saturday, likely to become a category 5 typhoon.

National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		11-4-2-6	1-1-1
VLAT		1-1-1	
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		33	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT		46	
HELO TYPE1	71	52	
HELO TYPE2	29	46	
HELO TYPE3	44	59	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	12	14	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	69	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	102	4	
CREW TYPE 2	69	Plethora	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	19	107	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	58	37	
RAPPELERS		140	
CATERERS	13	17	
SHOWERS	20	36	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	5
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	2
UAS	1
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2
ENGINES	11
OVERHEAD	64 (3 TFLD, SEC, dispatch)
PENDING	150 – 44 overhead, 38 engines, engine strike teams, 16 crews



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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, 2 new large fires with minimal activity. Lost Canyon identified as T5 incident.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Seth Grimm

- PL1, minimal IA. Task force mobilizing to RM, second task force being built, T3 IMT available Monday, EA CIMT available today.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, 17,000 acres of large fire growth. Concern with forecasted winds on Babylon incident. Critical needs for 26 T1/T2IA crews timing out. Firefighters working near superfund site article was published yesterday.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Light IA, no needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Light IA, resistance to control in grass.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, increasing to PL4 on 7/3 at 0600. 4 CIMTs committed. Critical need for T1 and T2IA crews. Prepositioning WY T3 IMT in Cheyenne.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Light activity, T3 IMT available nationally.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, light IA, CA Team 6 mobilizing to Pocket TOC 7/5. Sacaton T3 IMT inbreifing today. Critical needs for Pocket resources only.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

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USFS – Russ Long

- ESF4 activated for super typhoon development. Josh Acosta will be national DO and NMAC secondary until the end of next week. Continued preparation for JBLM military training.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

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NASF – Greg Smith – George Geissler

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NMAC Operations Report Out

Tracking dwindling CWN rotor-wing resources.

Once short-haul platforms repositioned in GB yesterday.

Pair of scoopers released from AK mobilizing to AK.

4th VLAT working through red carding, ready July 22.

Revisit MAFFS 7/3.

Continuing decrease in UAS resources.

Supporting RM and GB with crews.

SW moving crews internally to support incident needs.

NR Team 1 demobilizing from Shingle Creek today.

CA Team 6 taking over Pocket incident.

Possible shipping delays for NIIC-D over the holiday weekend, plan in place with NICC and GBK.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Megan Kephart

CIFFC PL2, Northwest Territories remain the concern.

Australia anticipating an early fire season.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.13)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Complex Incident Management Teams

A GA may choose to utilize an external team from the national rotation at any point.

The 3:1 for team assignment is in effect once all CIMTs in a GA has had one assignment.

