

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 3, 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
Strategic Analytics Report	Rick Stratton	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chair: Chuck Russell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USWFS: Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS: Russ Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaska: Tyler Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California: John Goss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Basin: John Foley	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northwest: Richard Parrish
<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 type="checkbox"/> Strategic Analytics:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
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Additional Attendees: Chief Fennessy, Julie Polutnik, Josh Acosta, Jeremy Sullens, Karis Collet, Col Little, Mike Henry, Mike Krupski, Dave Williams, Jason Bruce, Mark Hilton, Harold Riggs, Dave Underwood

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 6 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL4, light IA, 109 new starts, 3 fires contained, 41 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs, 506 engines, 87 helicopters, 9,333 personnel assigned.

Great Basin: PL4, 7 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Wild Goose – GB Team 7, active behavior, critical need for crews, launching airtankers, 11,300 acres, 41% contained.

Cottonwood – GB Team 5, active behavior, lines held, 94,000 acres, 23% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, community and repeater sites threatened, committing Bravo Unit, critical need for crews and middle management, 85,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, 4 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Ferris – Active behavior, T3 IMT, critical needs filled, 30,000 acres, 10% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, extreme behavior, 22,000 acres, 0% contained.

Aspen Aces – AK Team 1, extreme behavior, community threatened, evacuations, critical needs for all resources, 55,000 acres, 0% contained.

Willow – SW Team 4, active behavior, evacuations, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 15 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Pocket – SW Team 2, CA Team 6 inbriefing, moderate behavior, 23,000 acres, 25% contained.

Sacaton – Active behavior, T3 IMT, 6,500 acres, 0% contained.

Kline – New start, timber, 200 acres.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- Locally breezy west to southwest winds will persist in the southern Great Basin, central Rockies, and Southwest today creating periods of elevated to critical conditions as minimum RH of 3-15% persists through the weekend in the southern Intermountain West, with very poor overnight recovery
- 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, Columbia Basin, and Okanogan Valley 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, although the heat will subside in the Mid-Atlantic Sunday
- Dry conditions will persist across Puerto Rico into the weekend increasing fire potential to moderate, with high-risk on Sunday as dry trade winds increase
- Alaska remains seasonable through the weekend, but increasing temperatures early next week may be followed by some lightning mid-next week for an increase in activity
- Typhoon Bavi in the western Pacific is undergoing rapid intensification and is expected move through the Northern Mariana Islands Sunday (Monday local time) as a super typhoon

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Above normal temperatures and increased mid-level moisture are 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 mixed wet/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 Monday, with lightning ignitions possible mid-next week as wetting rain will be scattered at best with the thunderstorms expected
- Increasing dry trade winds continue high-risk significant fire potential to Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands Monday before easing the rest of the week



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		26	2
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		8	
SEAT		52	
HELO TYPE1	71	49	
HELO TYPE2	33	46	
HELO TYPE3	47	59	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	11	11	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	68	3	
CREW TYPE 2IA	105	2	
CREW TYPE 2	81	Plethora	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	12	123	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	46	36	
RAPPELERS		140	
CATERERS	13	17	
SHOWERS	20	35	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	2
HELO	2 T3
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	3
OVERHEAD	54
PENDING	46 overhead, 18 crews, 17 engines, 1 Lead Plane



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- Light IA, predicted dryness and lightning. Requesting to hold aviation and SMKJ resources through the weekend.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL2, no new starts, no critical needs. Supporting other GAs as able. Tracking super typhoon Bavi and predicted lightning event.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL1, minimal activity, no critical needs, continuing to support other GAs.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, 8 active large fires. Critical needs for T1 or T2IA crews.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL1, light IA, no needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

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Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, concern with smoke in municipalities and fatigue to local resources. Strike teams, engines, and dozers are critical needs. Several fires will be on the landscape for an extended period. Will order preposition CIMT from national rotation today, DTN TBD.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Light activity, no critical needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, light IA, no critical needs or significant issues.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

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USFS – Russ Long

- ESF4 representative in Guam, ESF4 will activate Monday morning in DC. NIMO availability date expected for July 6.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Traveling next week, will coordinate with USWFS regarding GA coverage.

NASF – Greg Smith

- CO state FMO looking to procure engines. Cal Fire checking on resource availability, concern with July 4 holiday.

NMAC Operations Report Out

1 EU T1 helicopter will start MAP on July 18 in SOPS.

16 rappel platforms, 1 moving from R6 to WY.

All DOI EU SEATS are on and all WFS ATB are open.

All CWN airtankers are in use today.

Tanker 210 sustained damage and is being temporarily substituted with a CWN.

22 UAS modules out.

Procedures in place for America 250 TFRs over the weekend.

5 T1 crews available, allocated 2 GB, 3 RM.

GB has 5 T1 crews coming back from days off soon.

Cottonwood replacement CIMT will be filled with GB Team 4 with TOC July 7.

NIIC-D looking at significant shipping delays, orders should be placed up ASAP.



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Administration

PL – 4 (3.90)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Aviation – MAFFS

Airtanker use has been trending downward despite the uptick in activity.

Currently out of CWN due to damage to 210 which should be back in the system next week.

Airtankers not meeting flight time caps.

Revisit MAFFS activation Monday, July 6.

Complex Incident Management Teams

RM reposition request will be filled with CA Team 7.

EA will be first up followed by GB.

GB will wait until Sunday to commit their team internally in the event of something emerging.

