

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 6, 2026

1100-1300

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	Sean Peterson	Information
Strategic Analytics Report	Rick Stratton	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

☐ Chair: Chuck Russell	☐ Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Brian Achziger	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☐ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: John Goss	☒ Eastern Area: Seth Grimm
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Perry Breitenstein	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ IMTs: LJ Brown
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: Brant Porter	☒ DOW: Brian West
☒ USWFS Aviation: Matt Shaddle	☒ USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton	☐ Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
☒ NIIC-D: Kim Albracht	☒ Cache: Nate Hesse	☒ IR: Kat Sorenson
☐ Safety:	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Megan Kephart, Julie Polutnik, Josh Acosta, Jeremy Sullens, Jim Prevette, Mark Goeller, Richard Parrish, Harold Riggs, Jason Bruce, Col Little, Karis Collet, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Shihming Huang, Josh Ingle, Shaun Jensen, John Mckee, Marcus Medina, Jason Miller, Seth Morphis, Trevor Pollock, Penny States, Mike Theune, Dave Underwood, Court Wallace, Dave Williams

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 7 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, moderate IA, 550 starts, 35 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs, 214 crews, 645 engines, 11,000 personnel assigned.

4 crews, 129 overhead assigned to RX.

Northwest: PL2, moderate IA, 28 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

North Cayuse – Extreme behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 4,000 acres, 9% contained.

Cheland Hills – WA DNR, active behavior, CIMT cancelled, evacuations, 9,700 acres, 0% contained.

Navarre Coulee – Active behavior, 300 acres, 80% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL1, 18 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Shingle Creek – Minimal behavior, timber, 628 acres, 80% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, heavy IA, 34 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Cottonwood – GB Team 5, GB Team 4 mobilizing, active behavior, 96,000 acres, 47% contained.

Wild Goose – GB Team 7, timber, active behavior, evacuations, 12,650 acres, 53% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, brush, 96,500 acres, 0% contained.

Grapevine and Parsnip – High percentage containment.

Snyder – RM Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels, 30,200 acres, 95% contained.

Dutch Flat – County, extreme behavior, light fuels, 12,000 acres, 0% contained.

Mora – ID, active behavior, 2,500 acres, 25% contained.

Southern Area: PL1

Rose Bay Canal – Timber, 662 acres, 83% contained.

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

Aspen Acres – AK Team 1, county, timber and grass, active behavior, 91,500 acres, 14% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, timber, active behavior, evacuations, 29,300 acres, 3% contained.

Willow – SW Team 4, timber, active behavior, evacuations, 4,000 acres, 1% contained.

Ferris – CA Team 7 mobilizing, timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 50,000 acres, 21% contained.

Twin Creek – Active behavior, 600 acres, 10% contained.

Alaska: PL2, 7 new starts.

Siruk – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 619 acres, 70% contained.

Big – Minimal behavior, timber, 257 acres, 70% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 11 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Pocket – CA Team 6, moderate behavior, 26,450 acres, 38% contained.

Sacaton – Active behavior, timber, 9,350 acres, 0% contained.

Beehive – 4,700 acres, 74% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Wednesday)

- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms across eastern Oregon, the northern/eastern Great Basin and Rockies will result in many new ignitions and a few large fires
- Very hot temperatures 105-115°F are expected in the Mojave and Sonoran deserts midweek, with above normal temperatures likely across most of the West, as well
- Breezy winds in the southern Great Basin will create elevated to locally critical conditions through midweek, with breezy conditions also expected along the east slopes of the Cascades Tuesday and much of the Inland Northwest Wednesday
- A brief period of wetter conditions in the Carolinas will decrease significant fire potential after a high-risk day today due to lightning and a favorable burn environment
- Above normal temperatures and isolated to scattered thunderstorms are expected across Interior Alaska and the North Slope with an increase in activity expected
- Super Typhoon Bavi made landfall in Rota last night with 100+ mph wind gusts reported in Saipan. Catastrophic damage expected in Rota with significant damage to Guam and the rest of the Northern Mariana Islands

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Winds will gradually ease across the West by this weekend as strong upper-level high pressure builds across the West
- Well above normal temperatures are expected across the West this weekend into early next week with daily record high temperatures expected for many locations, especially in the northern half of the West
- Monsoon moisture will increase in the Southwest with a gradual decrease in fire potential and some of this moisture will move northward across portions of the West early to mid-next week
- Whether this monsoon moisture lasts only 24-48 hours or several days outside of the Southwest is uncertain, with the former likely to result in a significant increase in activity with the latter promoting decreased activity West-wide



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Two Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories in effect.

Alaska's fire potential is increasing, longer term indicators are elevating to above-normal levels in the Interior.

Record heat is forecast for the North Slope.

Precipitation in FL and Deep South helping to reset fire danger. New England ERCs are near record high due to lack of rain.

Black Hills and vicinity are erratic but drying.

Greater Northwest will get busy if there are ignitions.

Elevated fire activity likely for Southwest and Intermountain West.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	2
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		36	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	54	3	
HELO TYPE1	80	42	
HELO TYPE2	38	43	
HELO TYPE3	50	59	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	2	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	12	14	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	62	3	
CREW TYPE 2IA	100	6	
CREW TYPE 2	130	622	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	48	105	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	48	31	
RAPPELERS		130	
CATERERS	11	15	
SHOWERS	22	35	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	14
TANKER	4 (Prepositioned)
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	2
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	3 T1/T2IA
ENGINES	23
OVERHEAD	191 (HEQB, TFLD, dispatch)
PENDING	116 overhead, 2 engines, 10 T1/T2IA crews



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL2, increased IA, lightning and drier weather expected. Request to hold onto current resources to maintain capability.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL2, light IA, no large or emerging fires, chasing lightning ignitions. No critical resources needs, continue to support other GACCs. Mobilizing resources to support super typhoon Bavi.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Seth Grimm

- Light IA, PL1. CIMT preposition in Colorado Springs. 2 task forces mobilized to RM. Uptick in activity in the Great Lakes.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, moderate IA, 7 active large fires expecting to drop to 2. Critical need for T1/T2IA crews and middle management.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL1, east half of the GACC saw moderate IA through the weekend.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Request to retain current crews within the GA for lightning and wind potential expected.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, critical need for crews and middle management. Concern with altitude sickness. Shoutout for CA strike team assistance.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL1, IA increases in mountains, T1 helicopter and crew order expected. No critical needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, light IA, 2 SW CIMTs are on 7 days of unavailability until July 13 and 14.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- Ordered large transport aircraft under contract.

USFS – Russ Long

- One ESF4 in place to support typhoon Bavi. Preparing for next week's military training at JBLM.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- N/A

NASF – Greg Smith

- Beginning state fire manager's call today.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Low on T1 CWN rotor-wing.

8 short-haul on service.

40th percentile for airtanker flight hours for the last week.

24 UMODs committed, 3 available, demobilization cliff over the next couple of days.

2-8s made their way south from AK.

Moderated TFRs, 16 active.

Busy IAA, double the number of requests as last year, concern with staffing.

Splitting available crews largely between GB and RM.

2 CIMTs prepositioned with GACCs.

39 RIST staff supporting incidents.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

PL3

DOW – Brian West

NTR



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Administration

PL – 4 (3.90)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Preparedness Levels

Recommend remaining at PL4. **-Support**

Crews

Increase in crew extension requests.

Approved several T2IA contract crew requests over the weekend.

FS crew personnel will follow up regarding contract concerns and rest time.

Pike and Tatanka mobilized to AK mid-June, traveled back to RM, requesting to extend to 21 days.

Recommend approving extension request for Tatanka to 7/13. **-Support**

Recommend approving extension request for Pike IHC to 7/13. **-Support**

Future T1 and T2IA crew extension requests will come to NMAC.

Contract T2 crews will not be extended.

