

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 7, 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	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: Chuck Russell	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☐ Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren
☒ 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: Jesse Bender
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: Bryan Stamps	☒ 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: Cout Wallace
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Mark Goeller, Josh Acosta, Jeremy Sullens, Julie Polutnik, Maegan Maughan, LJ Brown, Jim Prevette, Harold Riggs, Marcus Medina, Mike Henry, Steve Goldman, Karis Collet, John Mckee, Jason Miller, Ben Gannon, Jason Bruce, Megan Heffentrager, Josh Ingle, Shaun Jensen, Mike Krupski, Seth Morphis, Ben Oakleaf, Trevor Pollock, Dave Underwood, Dave Williams

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 8 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light to moderate IA, 36 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs, 231 crews, 774 engines, 131 helicopters, 11,931 personnel assigned.

2 aircraft, 4 crews, 113 overhead assigned to RX.

Northwest: PL2, 4 new starts, all fires look better.

North Cayuse – Timber and brush, active behavior, 4,700 acres, 12% contained.

Cheland Hills – WA DNR, active behavior, evacuations, 9,700 acres, 20% contained.

Navarre Coulee – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 80% contained.

South Ops: PL2, heavy IA, 57 new starts.

Pipeline – Camp Pendleton, light fuels, 1,000 acres.

Northern Rockies: PL1, 13 new starts.

Shingle Creek – IDL, 22 personnel and 1 helicopter assigned, 628 acres, 80% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, light to moderate IA, 18 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Cottonwood – GB Team 5 TOC GB Team 4 tomorrow, moderate behavior, 96,280 acres, 56% contained.

Wild Goose – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, 12,650 acres, 62% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, 100,000 acres, 0% contained.

Unnamed – Emmett, ID, 1,000 acres.

Claremont – Light fuels, active behavior, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

PVR – Boise District BLM, active behavior, 875 acres, 100% contained.

Maze – Light fuels, extreme behavior, 1,300 acres, 0% contained.

Grapevine – 99% contained.

Parsnip Peak – 75% contained.

Dutch Flat – Moderate behavior, 15,000 acres, 40% contained.

Southern Area: PL1

Rocky Mountain: PL4, 19 new starts, 4 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – AK Team 1, active behavior, evacuations, 93,000 acres, 13% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, active behavior, evacuations, 31,000 acres, 2% contained.

Ferris – CA Team 7, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 57,000 acres, 22% contained.

Willow – SW Team 4, timber and brush, active behavior, evacuations, 4,333 acres, 5% contained.

Twin Creek – 60% contained.

Alaska: Hot and dry, 4 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 2 staffed fires at 70% contained.

Southwest: PL3, light to moderate IA, 24 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Pocket – CA Team 6, moderate behavior, 26,785 acres, 48% contained.

Sacaton – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 9,300 acres, 11% contained.

Beehive – 88% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms will develop in eastern Oregon, the northern Great Basin, and central Rockies today with areas of high-risk significant fire potential, and a general decrease in thunderstorm coverage is expected in subsequent days with little to no thunderstorms expected Thursday
- 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 along the east slopes of the Cascades and southwest Utah today will become more widespread Wednesday across the Inland Northwest, Great Basin, and northwest Arizona with widespread elevated conditions expected amid low RH
- A brief period of wetter conditions in the Carolinas will decrease significant fire potential midweek
- Thunderstorms are expected across Interior Alaska and the North Slope with an increase in activity expected and high-risk significant fire potential for northwest Alaska tomorrow

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- Very hot temperatures are expected this weekend across the Great Basin and central/northern Rockies with highs 100-110°F expected in the lower elevations amid very low afternoon RH and increasing significant fire potential
- Breezy winds are expected Saturday in the Columbia Basin into Idaho spreading into more of the northern Intermountain West Sunday with critical conditions possible
- Monsoon moisture will increase in the Southwest over the weekend with a gradual decrease in fire potential and some of this moisture will move northward across portions of the West 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)

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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		36	
LEAD ASM		8	
SEAT	54	1	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	2	
HELO TYPE1	81	41	
HELO TYPE2	35	45	
HELO TYPE3	47	60	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	12	13	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	65	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	102	2	
CREW TYPE 2	132	625	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	20	121	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	47	30	
RAPPELERS		140	
CATERERS	12	14	
SHOWERS	23	36	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	15
TANKER	6
HELO	2 T1
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	3
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	5 IHC, 2 T2IA
ENGINES	3
OVERHEAD	38 (TFLD)
PENDING	121 overhead, 7 engines



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- Moderate IA, expecting uptick. Success for scoopers and smokejumpers. First time this season they've seen scooper drop resistance.

California – Jay Kurth

- No issues, needs or concerns. Pipeline incident last report had crews and dozers working all night, no specific needs.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL1, minimal IA. Arrowhead area of MN has higher indices, Severity request for Superior area has been submitted.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, 20,000 acres large fire growth. 2 new and emerging large fires should drop off, issues with going direct on Claremont, likely to order T3 IMT. Babylon needs include crews and middle management.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL1, trending toward PL2 at the end of the week. Miles City jump base opening today.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- North Cayuse will order a CIMT and utilize NW Team 3 off preposition due to logistical challenge.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, critical needs for middle management, UAS modules and crews. Aspen Acres meeting with AA to discuss potential for branching and utilizing EA CIMT.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Light activity, PL1. T1 restricted helicopter order pushed up to NICC for long-duration fires in FL. No other critical needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, light IA. No issues or concerns. Continue to make progress across large fires.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

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USFS – Russ Long

- Daily assessment of NIMO availability occurring, team will be available July 24.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

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NASF – Greg Smith

- Continue to share resources from southern states to western states.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Roswell ATB closing at end of shift today.

Increase in UAS Mods committed, nearing capacity.

10 smokejumpers going to AK to fill as booster.

Downtrend in TFRs, 3 Airspace Coordinators remain committed.

Continuing to split available crews between RM and GB.

4 crews coming available in GB will be committed internally.

Maintaining crew availability in NW, SW, and NR.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

PL4, continued fire activity across many of the provinces.

Uptick in significant fires across Europe.



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Administration

PL – 4 (3.90)

GACC Priority: RM, GB, SW, NW

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Recommend maintaining PL4. – Support

MAFFS

Tapped on CWN airtankers at this time due to tail swaps.

Closely monitoring UTFs and the need for MAFFS.

Recommend activating 2 tails via AQS in Channel Islands upon need.

Once AQS is activated, RFA would be drafted for up to 30 days.

AQS delay is only 12-24 hours.

CO and CA still have 2 MAFFS tails each.

WY and NV are still supporting other priorities.

MAFFS capacity currently, and for the summer may remain at 4 tails.

Safety

Persephone recommends report out once a week. Recommend Wednesday. – Support

Calls occurring with RM and GB twice weekly.

