

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 8, 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: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Seth Grimm
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jim Prevette	☒ 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: Rebecca Paterson	☒ 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: Col Little, Jeremy Sullens, Mark Goeller, Mike Krupski, Harold Riggs, Marcus Medina, Josh Acosta, Julie Polutnik, John Cervantes, Karis Collet, Jason Bruce, Ben Gannon, Steve Goldman, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Zach Holder, Shihming Huang, Josh Ingle, Shaun Jensen, Lindsey Lewis, Jason Miller, Seth Morphis, Trevor Pollock, Casey Teske, Dave Underwood, Court Wallace, Dave Williams

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 9 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, 180 new starts, 37 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs, 223 crews, 130 helicopters, 11,830 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL2, 18 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

3-1 Pit – Cal Fire, extreme behavior, timber, 800 acres, 5% contained.

Milepost 16 – Dense timber, 50-75 acres.

Northwest: PL2, 17 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT. Multiple fires developed late afternoon and overnight.

Hoop – 885 acres.

North Cayuse – NW Team 3, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,900 acres, 12% contained.

Chelan Hills – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 9,700 acres, 50% contained

South Ops: PL2, moderate to heavy IA, 34 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Bear – Cal Fire, active behavior, 540 acres, 0% contained.

Volcano – 130 acres, 45% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL1, 12 new starts, developing fires in MT and ID.

Shingle Creek – Minimal behavior, 628 acres, 85% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, heavy IA, 31 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Claremont – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 4,800 acres, 0% contained.

Cottonwood – GB Team 5 TOC GB Team 4 today, moderate behavior, 96,000 acres, 58% contained.

Wild Goose – GB Team 7, minimal behavior, 12,666 acres, 71% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, steep and rugged, 101,000 acres, 11% contained.

Dutch Flat – Moderate behavior, 15,500 acres, 70% contained.

Maze – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 1,500 acres, 50% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 29 new starts, ongoing IA.

Still Hunt 53 – State, timber, 250 acres, 95% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, 17 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – AK Team 1, active behavior, spotted, evacuations, 96,000 acres, 16% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, moderate behavior, evacuations, 31,500 acres, 7% contained.

Ferris – CA Team 7, extreme behavior, evacuations, 59,000 acres, 19% contained.

Willow – SW Team 4, active behavior, 4,365 acres, 10% contained.

Alaska: PL2, 12 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, heavily utilizing SMKJ for IA.

Southwest: PL3, 9 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Pocket – CA Team 6, moderate behavior, 27,400 acres, 51% contained.

Sacaton – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 9,500 acres, 17% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

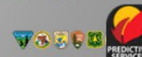
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms will develop in the northern/eastern Great Basin and much of the Rockies, with the greatest ignition potential in the northern/eastern Great Basin and West Slope
- Very hot temperatures 105-115°F are expected in the Mojave and Sonoran deserts, with above normal temperatures likely across most of the West, as well
- Widespread breezy west winds in the Inland Northwest and Great Basin today and Friday, with more localized winds expected tomorrow focused on the southern Great Basin
- Drier conditions emerge along the Southeast coast for increasing potential tomorrow through Saturday, and the Upper Great Lakes will become very warm and dry by the weekend
- Thunderstorms are expected across western Alaska today with a brief spike in activity before temperatures cool, but warm/dry conditions and isolated thunderstorms will continue for the eastern Interior

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- 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, northern/western Great Basin, and northern Rockies for increased potential, and isolated dry thunderstorms may develop in portions of the northern Rockies
- 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
- The monsoon is expected to move north next week, with improving conditions most likely for the Southwest and central/eastern Great Basin
- While the monsoon will impact North Ops, the Northwest, and northern Rockies, the duration remains uncertain as it could be slightly beneficial or result in an increase in activity if followed by dry and windy conditions



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Fire occurrence increasing in areas that had little activity until recently including Northwest, Eastern Area, Southern Area, Northern Rockies and Northern Great Basin.

Strategic Analytics Update (Rick Stratton)

Rocky Mountain will continue to remain busy and will remain in the pole position based on the modeling.

Great Basin will see an uptick while Southwest will see a minor decrease.

Active fire perimeter is still trending up in GB and RM.

AK is claiming very little containment but also has little active perimeter.

NW has had relatively few big fires, good success going direct.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	3
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		6	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	54	2	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	2	
HELO TYPE1	81	41	
HELO TYPE2	35	45	
HELO TYPE3	47	60	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	12	11	4 T3 IMTs available nationally
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	68	4	
CREW TYPE 2IA	100	19	
CREW TYPE 2	136	620	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	37	108	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	37	43	
RAPPELERS		133	
CATERERS	12	15	
SHOWERS	24	35	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	10
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	2
UAS	
SCOOPER	6
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	0
ENGINES	5
OVERHEAD	30
PENDING	100 overhead, 3 engines, 1 helicopters, 2 T2 crews



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

- PL2, moderate IA, no critical resource needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- Pit incident at 15% contained. MP 16 incident report with conflicting acreage, considering T3 IMT.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Seth Grimm

- PL1, minimal IA, some lightning holdovers. Small increase in numbers in Great Lakes area. Superior will put in Severity request.

Great Basin – John Foley – Mike Krupski

- PL4, critical need for middle management. Claremont submitted CIMT order being processed by GBCC, large green component threatening, unexploded ordinance area challenge. GB Team 7 last workday on Saturday on Wild Goose, TOC to local unit. Babylon containment expected to increase more rapidly, expecting replacement CIMT order. Two CL-415s sent to NW this morning.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL2 tomorrow morning based on activity and predicted weather.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- No longer exporting resources, high IA for the next 24-48 hours, anticipating to be out of aerial-delivered firefighters in the next day. Salmon currently has level 3 evacuations.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, moderate IA. 67,000 lightning strikes yesterday, several emerging incidents in southeast corner. ¼ inch of precipitation will trigger flash flooding on Aspen Acres. Critical needs for middle management and crews. Anticipating replacement CIMT requests for several fires.

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Jim Prevette

- Light IA.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, light IA, no issues or concerns.



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NMAC Agency Updates

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NASF – Greg Smith

- States continue to share resources. Cal Fire discussing MAFFS with FS aviation.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Working through airspace issue that occurred in CO.

Heavy competition for rappel resources.

All 8 short-haul platforms available.

Air attack orders for NW.

Sitting at 40th percentile for LATs and VLATs flight time yesterday. Revisit MAFFS in Admin.

30 smokejumpers and 4 boosters put out yesterday.

18 TFRs today.

Many IAA detection requests across 5 GAs.

CA Fire Guard has been down since 6/28.

2 IHCs available out of SOPS, 2 T2IA available.

RM available crews will mobilize to Aspen Acres.

5 NOPS crews mobilize to Hoopa.

Many crews timing out of Pocket, will look at internal crew allocations.

Claremont CIMT request will be filled with EA Team 1.

RIST supporting 18 incidents with 30 staff, mostly T3 incidents.

NIIC-D able to support current and new incidents expected.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

PL4

788 active fires in Canada.

Meeting with international partners today.



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Administration

PL – 4 (3.90)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Recommend remaining at PL4. – **Support**

Aviation – MAFFS

Recommend standing up 2 MAFFS tails utilizing AQS in Channel Islands with the ability to shift as needed.

Reassess airtanker use after 36-48 hours and discuss RFA up to 30 days.

CA can support with 1 tail within 24 hours and another tail on Friday. **-Support**

CO can support within the same timeframe as CA.

Lead plane capacity is adequate between USWFS, USFS and Cal Fire.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Do not recommend prepositioning an additional CIMT behind EA.

CA is up first again tomorrow after rotation changes.

Aerial Delivered Firefighters

All IA requests must be filled.

