

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 9, 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 and DOW Report Out	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: Josh Acosta	☒ 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: LJ Brown
☒ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: Andi Good	☒ 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:	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Chief Fennessy, Mark Goeller, Russ Long, Harold Riggs, Jeremy Sullens, Julie Polutnik, Col Little, Mike Krupski, Karis Collet, Jason Miller, Nick Stanzak, Penny States, Dave Underwood, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, Steve Marrien, Jason Bruce, John Cervantes, Megan Heffentrager, Mark Hilton, Shihming Huang, Josh Ingle, Seth Morhpis, Brant Porter, Dave Williams

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 10 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light to moderate IA, 190 new starts, 38 uncontained large fires, 239 crews, 784 engines, 122 helicopters, 11 CIMTs, 12,400 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL2, light IA, 12 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

3-1 Pit – Active behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 20% contained.

Northwest: PL2, 33 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Whiskey – Vale BLM, 1,000 acres, 100% contained.

Anthony – Timber, 300 acres, T3 IMT.

Salmon – NW Team 12 mobilizing, timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 230 acres, 0% contained.

Green Horn – 108 acres.

North Cayuse – NW Team 3, moderate behavior, 4,800 acres, 15% contained.

Ryegrass Coulee – Active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 800 acres, 10% contained..

Hoop – Burns District BLM, light fuels and timber, active behavior, 960 acres, 15% contained.

South Ops: PL2, light to moderate IA, 20 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Van – Cal Fire, grass, moderate behavior, 1,100 acres, 60% contained.

Bear – Cal Fire, 540 acres, 100% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, light IA, 9 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

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

Great Basin: PL4, moderate to heavy IA, 36 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Claremont – EA Team 1, active behavior, light fuels, 6,550 acres, 0% contained.

Cottonwood – GB Team 4, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 96,300 acres, 58% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, light fuels, 103,000 acres, 21% contained.

Wild Goose – GB Team 7, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 12,665 acres, 75% contained.

Snyder – 30,202 acres, 98% contained.

Dutch Flat – 15,558 acres, 100% contained.

Maze – 1,579 acres, 100% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, continued IA in NC, SC and FL.

Avocado – Everglades NP, moderate behavior, 735 acres, 70% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, light IA, 4 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – AK Team 1, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 96,122 acres, 15% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, RM Team 2 ordered, moderate behavior, evacuations, 32,000 acres, 8% contained.

Ferris – CA Team 7, extreme behavior, evacuations, 62,400 acres, 29% contained.

Willow – SW Team 4, timber, moderate behavior, 4,365 acres, 16% contained.



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Alaska: PL2, 8 staffed fires.

Southwest: PL3, 10 new starts, 1 CIMT.

Pocket – CA Team 6, moderate behavior, 27,450 acres, 53% contained.

Sacaton – Light precipitation, moderate behavior, 9,600 acres, 23% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

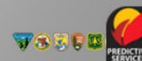
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Saturday)

- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms remain possible in portions of the eastern Great Basin to central Rockies today, but will be much fewer than previous days
- Breezy southwest winds will continue to affect areas of the Intermountain West through Saturday, focused from the Mojave Desert to the Four Corners today, then across the northern Intermountain West Friday and Saturday
- Hot temperatures in the Mojave/Sonoran Deserts will spread north by Saturday, with widespread 100+°F temperatures in the lower elevations of California, the Great Basin, and Rockies, with these temperatures likely exceeding daily records Saturday in the northern Great Basin and northern Rockies
- Drier conditions amid hot temperatures and locally breezy winds in the Southeast for increasing potential tomorrow through Saturday, with high-risk forecast for the coastal plain due to a favorable burn environment
- Warm temperatures will continue in eastern Interior Alaska through Saturday with isolated thunderstorms, while the western half of the state cools with areas of precipitation

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Very hot temperatures of 100-110°F Sunday for the eastern Great Basin, West Slope, and Northern Rockies, with a few all-time record highs possible, and temperatures are likely to remain well above normal through mid-next week
- Monsoon moisture will increase in the Southwest into early next week with a gradual decrease in fire potential, especially near and south of the Mogollon Rim
- Abundant monsoon moisture is expected to move north early next week first in California, then into the Great Basin, Inland Northwest, and northern/central Rockies
- The impact of the monsoon is uncertain, with trends leaning toward a short period of abundant cloud cover but few thunderstorms and limited precipitation, keeping any potential benefit brief



Monsoon moisture will not provide enough moisture reach the ground but will briefly increase RH and decrease the amount of dry lightning in impacted areas.
Emerging fires will continue to be a nuisance in AK.

National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

NTR



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		24	3 off, 1 MAFFS
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		36	
LEAD ASM		15	
SEAT	54	2	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	2	
HELO TYPE1	82	44	
HELO TYPE2	32	39	
HELO TYPE3	47	60	
LARGE TRANS			737 will be in Boise tomorrow
CIMT	12	9	3 T3 IMTs available nationally
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	77	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	105	7	
CREW TYPE 2	133	600	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	41	108	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	44	31	
RAPPELERS		120	
CATERERS	12	15	
SHOWERS	22	35	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	23
TANKER	3 (2 Preposition)
HELO	8 (EU)
AIR ATTACK	
IR	5
UAS	1
SCOOPER	6
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	17
OVERHEAD	104 (SEC1, SEC2, TFLD)
PENDING	51 overhead, 15 engines, 5 T1/T2IA crews, 4 T2 crews, 9 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL2, moderate IA, AK conversion will be 7/14. No critical needs, doing well with current resources.

California – Jay Kurth

- Continue with pattern of ongoing IA daily. No additional needs.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL1, minimal IA. Uptick in occurrence in far northeastern area of MN.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, 4 active large fires, hoping to drop 2 fires by Sunday. Working on UXO areas on Claremont. Babylon will be ordering replacement CIMT, expecting to fill with GB Team 6. Wild Goose will be releasing aviation resources. Critical needs for CL415s.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL2, several new IAs this morning. Upper Smith no new acreage this morning, will be working on achieving access.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL2, potential for PL3 as IA continues to ramp up. North Cayuse looking to ramp down over the next couple of days. NW Team 12 inbriefed today for Salmon, will be taking over the surrounding fires as well. Resource requests will be increasing for the next 4 days.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, flash flood warning yesterday above Aspen Acres. CIMT order submitted for Gold Mountain.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL1, continuous IA. No critical needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL3, light IA. Pocket discussing next management level, CA Team 6 LWD 7/14.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Traveling back to Boise this afternoon.

NASF – Greg Smith

- WA beginning to preposition resources. Cal Fire commitment to Lead Plane will be limited to CA. T2IA state crews coming available in several states.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Movement of resources toward the NW.

8 short-haul available today. Wenatchee platform moving to NW.

Rappelers in MT and northeast OR busy yesterday, several platforms fully out.

Tanker fleet sitting at 40th percentile flight hours yesterday, scoopers slightly higher.

Uptick in TFRs, 3 coordinators 1 trainee supporting 3 GAs.

1 T1 and 4 T2IA crews filled to NW.

NR holding onto available crews.

Discussing releasing T2IA crews from RM and GB.

Snyder demobilized CIMT.

Increase in cache support to incidents nationwide.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4.

792 active fires in Canada, 3 million acres burned.

Canada has reached out to Mexico for crews.

Australia reporting dry conditions with developing drought.

DOW – Brian West

MAFFS 4 on today, MAFFS 6 will come on tomorrow.

AQS runs MAFFS through 7/13.

RFA should be submitted by tomorrow if the two tails should be extended.

Administration

PL – 4

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Recommend remaining at PL4. -Support

International

Good discussions with Canada and Australia.

Mexico waiting for World Cup to be finished prior to sending crews to Canada.

Australia can make an IMT available to US for imbedding with a CIMT.

Recommend NICC working with Australia to complete IMT RFA. -Support

Australia reporting drought conditions, will be unable to provide middle management later in the summer. -Revisit 7/10

NICC will touch base with Australia this afternoon.

MAFFS

Recommend placing up to 30-day RFA for 2 MAFFS. -Support

Adequate interagency lead plane coverage available.

Need for better communication between NMAC decisions and implementation within the GACC.

Aerial Delivered Firefighters

1 rappel helicopter on a large fire support as well as IA.

Program managers working on best movement for rappel aircraft and filling gaps.

Concern with rappel ships being strictly attached to large fire and unavailable for IA.

Short-haul platforms are available.

NMAC Ops and Adam Kahler will provide a rappel movement recommendation to NMAC this afternoon. -Support

Airspace Coordination

GPS jamming/spoofing reports occurring over an incident on several different occasions.

UAS operations GPS indicated critical jamming state.

Helicopters and a fixed-wing experienced red alerts simultaneously.

Working with Regional Aviation Officer to report all occurrences to FAA and law enforcement.

At this time, it has been classified as unknown interference, not DOW-related.

CL-415 Scoopers

2 located in AK being heavily utilized.

2 RM working primarily on Aspen Acres.

4 scoopers located in the GB.

2 scoopers on DNR EU.

Recommend GB internally reallocating 2 scoopers to fill Babylon order. -Support

