

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 10, 2026

1100-1230

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
DOW Report Out	Major Brian West	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: LJ Brown	☒ 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: 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: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Hans Ohme, Joash Acosta, Mark Goeller, George Geissler, Maegan Maughan, Julie Polutnik, Jeremy Sullens, Steve Goldman, Jim Prevette, Mike Krupski, Harold Riggs, Karis Collet, Nick Stanzak, Steve Marien, Jason Bruce, Col Little, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Josh Ingle, Lindsey Lewis, Tyler McCowan, John Mckee, Jason Miller, Trevor Pollock, Dave Underwood, Persephone Whelan, Dave Williams

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, 12 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, 160 new starts, 39 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs, 2 MAFFS, 13,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL2, light IA, 17 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.
3-1 Pit – Minimal behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 40% contained.
11 person suppression module stationed in Guam in support of Bavi.

Northwest: PL2, moderate IA, 20 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.
Salmon – NW Team 12, timber, active behavior, merged with Green Horn, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.
North Cayuse – ODF, NW Team 3, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 4887 acres, 15% contained.
Anthony – NW Team 3 inbriefing, active behavior, timber, 450 acres, 0% contained.
Highway 97 Milepost 43 – Light fuels, active behavior, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.
B and O – WA DNR, light fuels, active behavior, evacuations, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL2, light IA.
Van – Should be contained later today.

Northern Rockies: PL2, 19 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.
Upper Smith – Panhandle NF, dense timber, 150 acres, 0% contained.
Deer Hollow – 100% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 25 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.
Martin – USWFS, light fuels, steep, 1,000 acres, 50% contained.
Claremont – EA Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels, 6,500 acres, 23% contained.
Cottonwood – GB Team 4, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 97,130 acres, 58% contained.
Babylon – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, brush, 103,600 acres, 25% contained.
Wild Goose – GB Team 7, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 12,66 acres, 88% contained.
Jim Mountain – Light fuels, active behavior, 565 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, light IA, 28 new starts, activity in FL, NC and TX.
Cusenbary Draw – Active behavior, brush, 1,300 acres, 10% contained.
Getaway Pens – Moderate behavior, brush, 850 acres, 65% contained.
Avocado – Moderate behavior, grass, 900 acres, 70% contained.
Rose Hill Bay – Moderate behavior, timber litter, 526 acres, 30% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, light IA, 15 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.
Aspen Acres – AK Team 1, active behavior, evacuations, 96,800 acres, 20% contained.
Ferris – CA Team 7, active behavior, timber and brush, 63,000 acres, 19% contained.
Gold Mountain – RM Team 3, active behavior, 33,200 acres, 8% contained.
Willow – SW Team 4, CA Team 8 mobilizing, moderate behavior, light precipitation, 4,500 acres, 22% contained.



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Eastern Area: PL2, light IA, 12 new starts in MN.
Thumb – 20 acres, timber.

Alaska: PL2, 4 new starts, 7 staffed fires.

Southwest: PL3, 9 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CMT.
Pocket – CA Team 6, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 27,450 acres, 69% contained.
Sacaton – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 9,600 acres, 35% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- An increase in activity is likely in most geographic areas through the weekend due to hot temperatures, areas of breezy winds, and localized lightning
- Temperatures will increase across the northern/eastern Great Basin, central/northern Rockies, and northern High Plains, with all-time record highs possible, especially in southeast Montana
- Breezy conditions are expected in portions of northeast California, Great Basin, Inland Northwest, and northern Rockies through the weekend, with widespread moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- The Southeast will remain hot through Saturday with moderate to high-risk significant fire potential due to a burn environment and lightning in south Florida, with slight improvement possible Sunday while increased dry trade winds in Puerto Rico create high-risk significant fire potential
- Improving conditions this weekend in the Southwest as the monsoon ramps up with scattered wet thunderstorms
- 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 (Monday through next Sunday)

- Very hot temperatures of 100-105°F Monday/Tuesday for the Northern Plains and Desert Southwest, with temperatures likely to remain well above normal into late next week
- Monsoonal moisture will continue to increase in the Southwest through 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 next week into the Intermountain West with isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms and areas of high-risk significant fire potential, but location and timing are yet to be determined
- In the northern half of the West a brief ridge breakdown is possible mid-next week for increased winds that could follow the lightning



Exponential increase in fire potential for Northwest and Northern Rockies.

Increase in fire potential for Rocky Mountain, NOPS, Eastern Area, Southern Area, and Great Basin.

National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Great Basin's Fuel and Fire Behavior Advisory will be renewed today.
The rest of the Manti-La Sal will be included.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	2
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		36	
LEAD ASM		14	
SEAT	54	2	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	2	
HELO TYPE1	86	40	
HELO TYPE2	38	38	
HELO TYPE3	48	60	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	11	11	6 T3 IMTs available nationally
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	78	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	113	7	
CREW TYPE 2	143	613	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	22	122	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	30	47	
RAPPELERS		115	
CATERERS	12	14	
SHOWERS	21	36	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	11
TANKER	1
HELO	1
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	2
SCOOPER	6
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	2 T2IA
ENGINES	7
OVERHEAD	66 (SOF)
PENDING	95 overhead, 9 engines, 8 T1/T2IA, 7 T2 crews, 7 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- Light IA, no critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- SOPS had 22 fires for 1,100 acres in the last 24 hours. LATs are catching many IA. Modoc forecasted at 97th percentile. No critical needs.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- PL2, uptick in activity in MN, potential critical fire weather conditions over the next week. No 209 fires at this point, several fires close to Canadian boundary. Critical needs for aerial supervision, crews and water-delivery aircraft. MN interagency T3 IMT assigned to many initial and extended attack fires. Will be activating MAC group for resource prioritization and export capabilities.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, 4 active large fires. Wild Goose continues demobilizing resources, T4 tomorrow. Martin fire being picked up.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Upper Smith reported at 250+ acres, active on all sides including on deep north slope, difficult access. Light IA yesterday was successful. May order T2 crews on preposition.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL2, potential for PL3 if another CIMT is mobilized. NW Team 3 will inbrief for Anthony with TOC on 7/12.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, moderate IA. Elk is 12.2 acres, aerial delivered firefighters have been mobilized, spotty area. Replacement CIMT sitting with NICC for Willow. Expecting replacement CIMT request for Aspen Acres.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL2, constant IA, resistance to control is increasing. Anticipate fire in GA to go to T3. Coast of NC along with some units in FL are going into Severity. Pausing exporting resources in areas.



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Southwest – Mike Spilde

- Light IA, PL3 through the weekend and re-evaluating next week. Monitoring monsoonal flow. Discussing Pocket CIMT extension request with local unit, 74% contained.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Need for well-coordinated and good communication for fire shelter memo. Remaining memorials will occur this weekend.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- B and O looking good. Activity in the south and east will limit resource response to the west through the Compact.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Busy for rotor-wings, last CWN T1s in the system.

CWN will be out by the end of this week, all CWN will be out next week.

Able to move short-haul and rappel ships to cover NW.

Heavy IA for rappel platforms yesterday for all GAs.

Low SEAT availability.

25 UAS modules out.

Pending crew orders for NOPS, NW, and EA, prioritizing NW.

Evaluating potential to fill EA request.

Expect additional CIMT order for Aspen Acres.

Uptick in RIST support for CIMTs and T3 IMTs.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, Quebec at PL4.

Australia is good to go for shadow IMT with July 24 arrival date.

Australia inquiring about middle management capability for sending over as well.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

2 GAs standing up safety calls, discussing setting up a 3rd.

Caution on heat related incidents.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.03)

GACC Priority: RM, GB, NW, SW

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Recommend remaining at PL4. -Support

Fire Shelter Memo

Review for outlier language.

Discuss safety standdown nationally for fire shelter check.

Maintain QR code for reporting.

Following 2023 NWCG memo regarding non-specification fire shelters, indicators show some of these shelters remain in the field.

All personnel must be aware of the potential for being sold a non-spec fire shelter and their unacceptable use as a safety product.

Safety will review final draft for fatal flaws.

Non-spec fire shelters are being sold through many 3rd party vendors.



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Add statement outlining actionable immediate removal from service and replacement upon non-spec identification must be included in addition to identifying.

Memo will be distributed to the contracting offices as well.

NWCG Subcommittee is moving out on a similar cache memo document.

NMAC Ops will touch base with NWCG.

Draft will be sent to Associates and IAFC for review.

Final Memo will be distributed today.

Crews

No upcoming crew cliffs.

RM has had few crews coming available, assigning internally.

GB is sitting heavy on crews, shifting available T2IA crews to NW.

Ability to pull IHCs from Cottonwood and Babylon for IA as needed in GB.

Pulling some crews from SW, moving toward NW.

CA is looking decent for coverage.

Allocating 1 T1 and 1 T2IA crew from NOPS to NW.

Will fill 2 EA and 5 NW crew orders. -Support

Replace T2IA crews with T2 crews as able.

International Support

All Australia resources will be mobilized to Boise for equipment and training.

Include air operations personnel with middle management request. -Support

Kristin Kirchner is the All-Hazard Team lead and will be the main USWFS international POC.

NIMO has a commitment to assist.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Extension request for CA Team 6, initially ordered on national preposition before mobilizing to Pocket. -Support

