

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 14, 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
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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: 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: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Steve Marien
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☐ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ 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: Ben Gannon	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Megan Kephart, LJ Brown, Hans Ohme, Mark Goeller, Josh Acosta, George Geissler, Richard Parrish, Steve Goldman, Jeremy Sullens, Nick Stanzak, Bryan Stamps, Karis Collet, Mike Henry, Jim Prevette, Shaun Jensen, Beau Dobberstein, Brock Uhlig, Perry Breitenstein, Penny States, Mike Krupski, John Mckee, Jason Bruce, Eric Graff, Megan Heffentrager, Josh Ingle, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Dave Underwood, Dave Williams, David Lee, Jose Munguia

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 15 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, 109 new starts, 46 uncontained large fires, 17 CIMTs, 1 NIMO, 2 MAFFS, 371 crews, 972 engines, 144 helicopters, 17,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 17 new fires, 4 uncontained large fires.

Loomis – Minimal behavior, timber and grass, 656 acres, 18% contained.

Elephant – Active behavior, limited perimeter growth, evacuations, 12,300 acres, 5% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 2 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

E Evans Creek – ODF Team 1, timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 6,000 acres, 5% contained.

Salmon – NW Team 12, managing Olive Butte, active behavior, timber and brush, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Olive Butte – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 2,400 acres, 0% contained.

Anthony – NW Team 3, active behavior, evacuations, 1,900 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 16 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Summit – No perimeter growth, minimal behavior, light fuels, 2,700 acres, 47% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, 7 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Greer – Minimal behavior, timber, 353 acres, 35% contained.

Upper Smith – Active behavior, timber, 450 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 7 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Claremont – EA Team 1, moderate behavior, light fuels, 6,800 acres, 58% contained.

Cottonwood – GB Team 4, moderate behavior, timber, 106,600 acres, 77% contained.

Stookey – Extreme behavior, chaparral, 9,500 acres, 0% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 2 TOC GB Team 6 today, active behavior, brush, 106,000 acres, 50% contained.

Buck Basin – Active behavior, timber and brush, 230 acres, 0% contained.

18 Mile – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,300 acres, 10% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 25 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, 5 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires 8 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – AK Team 1 TOC NR Team 6, active behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 99,100 acres, 36% contained.

Ferris – CA Team 7, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 64,889 acres, 29% contained.

Fishhook – Active behavior, timber, 230 acres, 0% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 3 TOC RM Team 2 today, active behavior, light fuels and timber, 37,000 acres, 12% contained.

Willow – SW Team 4 TOC CA Team 8 today, moderate behavior, evacuations, 6,400 acres, 29% contained.

Elk – NW Team 8 mobilizing, timber, active behavior, 600 acres, 0% contained.



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Eastern Area: PL3, 3 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO.

Thumb – NIMO Team 3, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,600 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Trap – SA Team 1 mobilizing, timber, extreme behavior, 6,000 acres, 0% contained.

Camp – Extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Sioux – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Chub - Active behavior, timber, 127 acres, 0% contained.

Alaska: No issues or concerns, no new fires.

Southwest: PL3, dropping to PL2 tomorrow, 14 new starts, 1 CIMT.

Pocket – CA Team 6, minimal behavior, light fuels, 27,300 acres, 76% contained.

Sacaton – Minimal behavior, timber, 9,800 acres, 72% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Steve Marien)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for northern California, northern Great Basin, central and eastern Oregon, and the southern West Slopes of Colorado into Tuesday evening, shifting to eastern Idaho and parts of the Northern Rockies on Wednesday
- Drier conditions will follow the lightning with localized breezy conditions in northern California and the Inland Northwest
- Scattered to widespread wet thunderstorms are likely once again across western New Mexico, Arizona, the southern Great Basin, and southwest Colorado as monsoon moisture continues to increase
- Another day of scattered showers and thunderstorms will bring areas of wetting rain to much of the Southeast westward into central Texas into Tuesday evening, although North Carolina and the Mid-Atlantic states will begin to dry out
- Hot and dry conditions will continue in the Upper Great Lakes, with high-risk significant fire potential for northeast Minnesota into the western UP of Michigan where new and existing fires are likely to spread rapidly
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms are possible for inland areas of Washington into the northern Rockies Thursday with dry conditions for much of the northwestern U.S. into the weekend
- Mild temperatures and breezy conditions will linger over the eastern Interior Alaska with much cooler and wetter conditions expected statewide later in the week

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- Well above normal temperatures for the Upper Midwest into the weekend, with mostly dry conditions except for scattered thunderstorms over parts of the northern and eastern Great Lakes Friday into Saturday with only localized wetting rain
- Monsoonal moisture will continue spreading into the southern Great Basin, Southwest, and southwest Colorado, and may spread into more of the central Rockies early next week decreasing potential
- Another surge of monsoon moisture is likely for the northern half of the West early next week, but its duration and impact are uncertain
- Drier conditions are expected in most of the Southern Area late this week through the weekend, with concern remaining along the Southeast coast and North Texas



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory in effect for nearly all of the Northwest Geographic Area.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		25	3
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		36	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	54	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	92	0	
HELO TYPE2	51	0	
HELO TYPE3	59		
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	17		2 T3 IMTs available
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	80	9	
CREW TYPE 2IA	123	1	
CREW TYPE 2	221	160	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	12	130	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	14	44	
RAPPELERS		126	
CATERERS	15	14	
SHOWERS	25	31	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	13
TANKER	1
HELO	3
AIR ATTACK	
IR	3
UAS	
SCOOPER	5
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	1 camp crew
ENGINES	73
OVERHEAD	92 (HEQB)
PENDING	209 overhead, 24 engines, T1/T2IA crews, 15 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- No critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- No critical needs for any large fires. Heat spike in SOPS likely to cause IA, fuels are receptive. At or near drawdown for resources in NOPS and SOPS, will continue to push replacement orders.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- PL3, critical fire weather, several fires showing significant growth with several crossing into Canada. Evacuations occurring on numerous incidents, many fires will merge today. Ontario pulled off all but one fire yesterday, unable to staff fires near the border. Combined acreage for Bear combined fire acreage are 30,000 acres. Critical needs include IHCs, T2 IA, DIVS, and Air Attack. Concern with RX becoming much more active.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, prioritizing 6 large fires. 3 new and emerging incidents, expect to drop off in the next 2 shifts. Not finding non-spec fire shelters, finding damaged shelters upon inspection.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL2, no critical resource needs. Williams fire continues with problematic access, Aas discussing future action. Discussing potential CIMT for Upper Smith.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL3. E Evans Creek fire continues to be most problematic, level 3 evacuations continue, engine burned up yesterday no injuries. Fires in northeast OR moderated overnight. Fire shelter inspections ongoing, several identified as end of life and need replacement. Critical needs continue to be aviation support. Plan to reallocate resources within the GA on Anthony to shorten duration.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4. Critical need for T1/T2IA crews. Monitoring Fishhook and potential CIMT request.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL2, continuous IA in FL, no critical needs.



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Southwest – Mike Spilde

- Moving from PL3 to PL2 at 0600 7/15. Light IA. Pocket will TOC to local team on Friday morning. SW Team 1 will be mobilizing to Fishhook.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Kicked off Basic 32 Training this morning at JBLM.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- Continue to see state to state resource sharing, many supplementing ODF and WA DNR. Cal Fire offered resources to ODF through compact.



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NMAC Operations Report Out

Three KMAX helicopters stood down yesterday, two are back up today.
Gold Mountain shut down all aviation operations yesterday, back up and running today.
14 rappel ships today, 2 down mechanical with TBD timelines.
1 rappel crew will be mobilizing to Williams.
2 MAFFS continue to be operational in SOPS, 2 additional tails approved for Klamath Falls.
22 UMODs committed.
Jump 149 in Ely down for mechanical.
32 active TFRs, rendering issue has been resolved for mapping in associated applications.
1 IR platform sent to MN, 1 moving from SW to NW.
Supplementing NW and NOPS with crews and shifting priority to EA and RM.
6 crew orders filled for EA.
Pioneer Peak will travel 7/16, followed by Chena.
3 CIMTs mobilizing today.
NW Team 8 mobilizing to Elk.
SA Team 1 mobilizing to EA tomorrow morning.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4

Busy in Quebec and Ontario.

Fires in Ontario extremely active.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.68)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Recommend remain at PL4 and monitor conditions. -Support

International Mobilization

New Zealand able to provide GA Senior Rep, 1 Ops Branch Dire, 2 Helibase Managers.

Australia able to provide the 15-person IMT.

Australia able to provide: 2 INLOs, 2 Field Reps, 12 Safety Officers, 13 DIVS, 10 TFLD, 9 HEQB, 4 HEBM, 1 Air Ops Branch Director

Resources will arrive in Boise on 7/24 with a day off on 7/25.

David Lee will be the primary international liaison in the NICC.

NICC will finalize the RFA for international resource mobilization. -Support

