

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 15, 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: LJ Brown	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Goldman
☒ 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: Jim Wallmann
☒ 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: Persephone Whalen	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: George Geissler, Brian Achziger, Hans Ohme, Megan Kephart, Richard Parrish, Jason Bruce, Col Little, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Josh Ingle, Shaun Jensen, Mike Krupski, Lindsey Lewis, Marcus Medina, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Harold Riggs, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Jeremy Sullens, Kevin Sweeney, Casey Teske, Court Wallace, Dave Williams, Perry Breitenstein, Steve Marien, David Lee

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 16 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 100 new starts, 48 uncontained large fires, 16 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, 353 crews, 1,002 engines, 161 helicopters, 16,800 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 20 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Elephant – Active behavior, light fuels, 12,600 acres, 42% contained.

Twain – Minimal behavior, timber, 276 acres, 50% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 5 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Stein – 450 acres.

E Evans Creek Road – ODF Team 1, extreme behavior, timber, 7,850 acres, 5% contained.

Salmon – NW Team 12, managing Olive Butte, moderate behavior, 1,540 acres, 5% contained.

Anthony – NW Team 3, moderate behavior, timber, 1,940 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 23 new starts, 1 uncontained large fires.

Summit – Received precipitation, minimal behavior, light fuels, 2,690 acres, 72% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, 3 new starts, 1 CIMT.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1 mobilizing, moderate behavior, timber, 567 acres, 0% contained.

Greer – IDL, reduction in acreage, minimal behavior, timber, 338 acres, 72% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 21 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Amyx – Light fuels, 400 acres, 100% contained.

Claremont – EA Team 1, moderate behavior, light fuels, 6,800 acres, 61% contained.

Stookey – Active behavior, chaparral, 10,275 acres, 0% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 6, active behavior, brush, 106,600 acres, 50% contained.

Buck Basin – Moderate behavior, timber, 234 acres, 15% contained.

Cottonwood – GB Team 4, minimal behavior, timber, 97,000 acres, 77% contained.

18 Mile – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 1,300 acres, 40% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 13 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Taylor Hollow – VA, minimal behavior, 100 acres, 40% contained.

Mailbox – Minimal behavior, southern rough, 408 acres, 10% contained.

Rose Hill Bay – Minimal behavior, closed timber litter, 529 acres, 50% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, light IA, 9 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – AK Team 1 TOC NR Team 6 today, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 99,077 acres, 36% contained.

Fishhook – SW Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, 259 acres, 0% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, 36,965 acres, 12% contained.

Elk – NW Team 8 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 800 acres, 0% contained.

Ferris – CA Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, 65,000 acres, 43% contained.

Willow – CA Team 8, moderate behavior, brush, evacuations, 6,900 acres, 28% contained.

P L Gulch – Active behavior, evacuations, 350 acres, 5% contained.



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Eastern Area: PL3, 6 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO, 1 CIMT.

Camp – Extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Sioux – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Trap – SA Team 1, timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 13,500 acres, 0% contained.

Thumb – NIMO Team 3, timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 14,500 acres, 0% contained.

Wolf Pack – Timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 3,300 acres, 0% contained.

Chub – MN DNR, evacuations, active behavior, timber, 374 acres, 0% contained.

Knife River – 6,000 acres into US.

Alaska: PL1

Southwest: PL2, 10 new starts, no issues or concerns.

Pocket – CA Team 6, light fuels, minimal behavior, 27,300 acres, 83% contained.

Sacaton – Received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 9,800 acres, 80% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Steve Marien)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the northern Great Basin, central and eastern Oregon, and the West Slopes of Colorado into Wednesday evening, shifting to central and eastern Washington, eastern Idaho and parts of the Northern Rockies on Thursday
- 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
- Heavy rainfall will persist over central and southwestern Texas into Thursday morning producing areas of flooding
- Thunderstorm coverage will diminish over the Southeast through the rest of the week
- Hot and mainly dry conditions will prevail across the Plains into the Great Lakes, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic into Wednesday evening
- High-risk significant fire potential for parts of the northern Great Lakes with storms advancing through Thursday night into Friday evening possibly creating new ignitions
- Dry and windy conditions for much of the northwestern U.S. into the weekend

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Well above normal temperatures will prevail over southern California and the lower elevations of the Great Basin and Northern Rockies this weekend, with mostly dry conditions except for scattered thunderstorms over parts of the northern and eastern Great Lakes
- Monsoonal moisture will continue spreading into the eastern Great Basin, Southwest, and southwest Colorado, and may spread into more of the central Rockies early next week
- Drier conditions are expected in most of the Southern Area late this week through the weekend, with concern remaining along the Southeast coast, southern Florida and Texas
- Dry, gusty trade winds will develop over Puerto Rico by this weekend, bringing high risk of large fires



Strategic Analytics Update (Rick Stratton)

For the coming week, there are significant fire risks for NW, RM and EA.

Difference last week in what some GAs are claiming are uncontained and what percentage of fire perimeter is exhibiting heat.

Across most GAs and fires, most are clustering toward mid suppression and effectiveness.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		25	3
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		38	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT		0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1	92	0	
HELO TYPE2	51	0	
HELO TYPE3	59		
LARGE TRANS			Enroute from Boise to MN.
CIMT	16	10	2 T3 IMTs available.
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	76	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	116	1	
CREW TYPE 2	243	130	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	12	126	41 on overhead assignments
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	39	
RAPPELERS		119	
CATERERS	13	15	
SHOWERS	27	31	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	10
TANKER	0
HELO	4
AIR ATTACK	
IR	6
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	14 T1/T2IA
ENGINES	1
OVERHEAD	108 (SEC, SOF, TFLD)
PENDING	110 oh, 45 engines, 21 T1, 7 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, 1 new fire, discussing drawdown and resource export availability. Discussing aviation resources and strike teams into WA.

California – Jay Kurth

- Good success with IA yesterday. No needs or issues.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- Minimal IA, accepting fires from Ontario across the border. Little Knife fire has crossed into US. Critical resource shortages for crews and expanded dispatch. Discussing additional CIMT need.

Great Basin – John Foley – Mike Krupski

- PL4, light IA, successful with emerging incidents over the last couple of days. 7 large fires. Critical needs for T1/T2IA crews with several timing out. Scoopers are available to other GAs if needed. Complexity analysis completed on Claremont, discussing CIMT extension or replacement order, Army Corp of Engineers assisting with UXO concerns.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- NR Team 1 inbriefs on Upper Smith tomorrow. Will begin exporting resources as able.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- E Evans Creek Rd fire experienced strong outflow winds last night. Expect additional containment on Anthony today, replacement submitted for 7/18, planning to fill internally.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, light IA, evaluating resource needs. Implemented additional support functions among the MAC Group. Ordered a load of GJ jumpers to bridge the gap for incoming T3 IMT on PJ ---?

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- Decreased to PL2, light IA, exporting resources. Working to status T3 IMTs available.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Basic 32 Training ongoing at JBLM, available beginning next week, will monitor for candidate fires. Working on assigning Public Affairs Officer to international resource mobilization. Continued discussion for supporting EA.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- Supporting WA DNR and ODF with engines and overhead requests.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Exporting resources out of SW, including aviation and helicopters.

Short-haul moving from SW to MN.

1 rappel platform moving from SW to PNW on 7/18.

2 rappel platforms down for maintenance.

Single engine scoopers coming available from AK.

Scoopers flew 60% of flight time yesterday.

22 UMODS committed.

Mechanical on a NIROPS, hoping to get back in service today.

Primary focus for crews is EA and RM.

Heaviest concentration for crews is RM, GB, NOPS, NW and SW.

RM has several crews timing out in the next couple of days, keeping crews coming available.

7/15-20 crew availability is short nationally, limited surge capacity.

Internal CIMT fills on several incidents.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 835 active fires, over 4.7 million acres burned.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

NMAC fire shelter standdown has provided good data.

Significant number of old, damaged, etc. shelters have been found in addition to about 20 non-spec shelters.

Persephone will provide data.

Administration

PL – 4

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Recommend remaining at PL4. -Support

Fire Shelter Memo

Feedback received included VIPR inspection hubs discovering many older shelters.

Contract states new generation shelters are acceptable, memo states pre-2006 shelters should be replaced.

On fed fires, all pre-2006 shelters must not be utilized.

Russ will reach out to FS CO.

Crews

Two-day drive for crews to mobilize to EA/MN.

Consider putting together a NICC jet with 4 crews to mobilize to EA on 7/18.

Logistical concern with lack of vehicles, consider crew swap and leaving vehicles.

Discuss pool of NERV vehicles in MN for crew use and fly in crews. -Support



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Complex Incident Management Teams

Claremont CIMT has reached day 10.

EA Team 1 discussing feasibility of up to 7-day extension. -Support

SA Team in EA will likely be a candidate for extension as well based on preposition time.

International

Formal RFA was sent to Australia yesterday.

NICC developing a plan to support international resources on 7/24.

NICC taking over Mob Center, working through logistics.

INLOs should be sent over yesterday.

Training will occur on 7/26-7/27.

Working on light pickups such as Ford Rangers with NERV or driver's training.

Discussing utilizing the NICC jet to bring resources from port airport location to Boise.

