

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 16, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Steve Marien	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: 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: 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: 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: Court Wallace
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, Mike Krupski, Harold Riggs, Jim Prevette, Josh Acosta, Perry Breitenstein, Penny States, Trevor Pollock, Marcus Medina, Dave Underwood, Mike Henry, Heath Cota, Josh Ingle, Dave Williams, Mark Hilton, Col Little, Karis Collet, Beau Dobberstein, Jason Bruce, Lindsey Lewis, John Mckee, Witne Neil, Brant Porter, Jose Munguia, David Lee

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 17 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, 250 new starts, 49 uncontained large fires, 14 CIMTs, 1 NIMO, 4 MAFFS, 387 crews, 1,034 engines, 146 helicopters, 17,535 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, moderate IA, 29 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Elephant – Active behavior, limited perimeter growth, reduction in acreage due to better mapping, 13,000 acres, 31% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 72 new starts, 100 smoke reports, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Riddle – 300 acres, 0% contained.

Camel Hump – 200 acres.

Crosswhite – 1,500 acres.

Twickenham – 400 acres.

Redrock – 250 acres.

Cove Creek – 1,000 acres.

Kaiser Canyon – 100 acres.

Three Queens – 20 acres.

E Evans Creek – ODF Team 1, extreme behavior, evacuations, brush, 11,550 acres, 5% contained.

Salmon – NW Team 12, managing Olive Butte, moderate behavior, 1,510 acres, 10% contained.

Olive Butte – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 2,600 acres, 10% contained.

Anthony – NW Team 3, moderate behavior, timber, 1,950 acres, 6% contained.

Lower Dry Creek Mutual Aid – ODF, light fuels, extreme behavior, 5,000 acres, 5% contained.

Stein – 100% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 40 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Thorn – Cal Fire, brush, moderate behavior, evacuations, 1,200 acres, 10% contained.

Summit – Mopping up, minimal behavior, light fuels, 2,690 acres, 86% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, 1 new start, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Turner Hill – IDL, timber, 100 acres.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 17 new starts, 6 uncontained large, fires, 3 CIMTs.

Stookey – Brush and timber, active behavior, 10,330 acres, 5% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 6, moderate behavior, timber, 107,100 acres, 57% contained.

Buck Basin – Minimal behavior, timber, 145 acres, 29% contained.

Claremont – EA Team 1, minimal behavior, 6,800 acres, 70% contained.

Cottonwood – GB Team 4, minimal behavior, timber, 97,000 acres, 80% contained.

Anyx – 100% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 18 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Charger 2 – FL, southern rough, active behavior, 600 acres, 10% contained.

Mitchells – 325 acres.

ESF4 activated for flooding in Texas.



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Rocky Mountain: PL4, 7 uncontained large fires, 6 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – NR Team 6, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 99,500 acres, 36% contained.

Fishhook – SW Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, 333 acres, 0% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 2, active behavior, 37,700 acres, 11% contained.

Elk – NW Team 8 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 1,980 acres, 0% contained.

Ferris – CA Team 7, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 64,888 acres, 53% contained.

Willow – CA Team 8, moderate behavior, brush, 6,800 acres, 37% contained.

P-L Gulch – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,800 acres, 5% contained.

Eastern Area: PL3, 3 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO, 1 CIMT.

Little Knife – 6,000 acres, 0% contained.

Camp – Timber, extreme behavior, 4,500 acres, 0% contained.

Sioux – Extreme behavior, merged with Wolf Pack, 10,000 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Trap – SA Team 1, extreme behavior, 20,000 acres, 0% contained.

Thumb – NIMO Team 3, extreme behavior, evacuations, 15,000 acres, 0% contained.

Chub – MN DNR, active behavior, 376 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL1, 14 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Pocket – CA Team 6 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, grass, 27,393 acres, 83% contained.

Sacaton – 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 Saturday)

- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for portions of Washington into northern Idaho into Thursday evening
- Hot and drier conditions will follow the lightning which has occurred over the last few days 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
- Moderate to heavy rainfall will persist over southwestern Texas into Thursday evening possibly producing additional flooding concerns
- Thunderstorm coverage will continue to diminish over the Southeast through the rest of the week
- Hot and mainly dry conditions will prevail across the Plains into much of the Great Lakes, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic into Friday. Areas of showers and storms are expected over the northern Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Thursday night into Friday
- 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

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- High pressure will shift westward midweek for continued hot temperatures across much of the West and Midwest through the period.
- Monsoonal flow continues to bring showers and thunderstorms to the Southwest and Great Basin, while the Pacific Coast and Pacific Northwest will receive little moisture
- Temperatures are expected to moderate over the eastern US as low pressure drops into southeast Canada early next week
- Drier conditions are expected in most of the Southern Area early next week, with a chance for precipitation returning by next weekend to the Southern Atlantic Coast and Florida
- Dry, gusty trade winds will develop over Puerto Rico this weekend, increasing risk high risk of large fires



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Satellite coverage for fire support products is limited with several platforms being past expected life.

Goes 19 satellite outage yesterday impacting RAWS data.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT		0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1	100	0	
HELO TYPE2	50	0	
HELO TYPE3	59	0	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	15	12	1 T3 IMT available
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	72	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	108	4	
CREW TYPE 2	255	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	47	111	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	41	
RAPPELERS		114	
CATERERS	18	10	
SHOWERS	25	32	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	7
TANKER	
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	
IR	5
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	25
OVERHEAD	50
PENDING	145 oh, 17 e, 39 T1/T2IA, 7 T2, 11 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- No change or critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- Continue to be at or near drawdown. High heat continues.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- Light IA, smoke and weather change decreased large fire growth. Transitioning CIMT today to fires NIMO Team currently has. Numerous evacuation statuses on all fires but one. 209s are not accurate, need for T1 scoopers and crews.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, prioritizing 5 large fires. No new or emerging fires. GB Coordinating Group discussing outcomes from FAST review. Awaiting replacement CIMT fill for Claremont.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- Turner will be taken over by Upper Smith CIMT, 250 acres, 6 LATs and 1 VLAT.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL3, potential for PL4 in the next 48 hours, heavy IA in the last 24 hours. 4,000 lightning strikes last night, depleting aerial-delivered firefighters. Potential for CIMT for Prineville area fires. E Evans Creek Road continues to be concerning. Three Queens roughly 50 acres. Critical needs include rappel aircraft, T1/T2 helicopters, and crews. IWI on Salmon yesterday, successful outcome.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, light IA. New emerging incident, Two Track, heavy aviation utilization, around 100 acres, will be heavy crew commitment and logistical concern, assessing CIMT need. FS moving Dash8 to Laramie for IA. CO T3 IMT moved to P L Gulch, TOC this afternoon. Ferris reducing to T3 organization.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Pending order for 1 available T3 IMT.

Southwest – Mike Spilde



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- PL2, light IA, exporting resources as able.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

- 80th birthday of the BLM today.

USFS – Russ Long

- Coordination with FS units impacted by fire ongoing.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- Lightning bust across OR and WA, heavy IA. ODF may seek T3 IMT on one incident. Dakotas picking up lightning, concerned with moisture and potential resource needs.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Out of all CWN rotor-wing aircraft.

One short haul ship moving from SW to NW.

Over 60 rappellers out on IA this morning, PNW will rappel out.

2 rappel platforms own for maintenance, 1 should be back up today.

Little to no availability for air attacks.

Downtick for airtanker and scooper flight time.

MAFFS had 8 drops yesterday.

24 UMODS out and at capacity.

Remond and Redding flying jump ships this morning, considering bringing smokejumpers down from AK.

IAA request from NIMO for Little Knife, aircraft only able to fly 1 mile into Canada.

9 crew orders filled to EA, surging crews into NW.

Low crew availability until 7/20.

Need for crews on emerging incidents will need to be pulled from existing incidents.

New CIMT rotation starts over today.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 858 active fires, 6 million acres burned.

Ontario at PL4.

11 firefighters mobilizing from Mexico to Canada next week.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.68)

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

Priorities will change tomorrow to NW, RM, EA, GB.... - Support

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Most active GA remains at a PL3.

Recommend remaining at a national PL4. - Support

Re-evaluate 7/17.

Public Affairs

Reduce potential conflict in the reporting system regarding NMAC activities such as military and international mobilizations.

Recommend looking at operating procedures of public affairs, insisting FS and DOI work together to draft a message that is reviewed by NMAC for distribution.

Prior to reorganization, notifications were distributed from NIFC.gov.

DOI proposal to provide a letter to DOI Comms requesting support for NMAC messaging that is edge-matched with the FS.

Consider ordering an NMAC-dedicated PIO through PLs 4 and 5.

Consider who will own the message and send it out, FS, DOI or NMAC.

DOI and FS will discuss options with leadership.

Revisit 7/17.

NERV

Mobilization of SA Team to EA has been impacted by the inability to attain rental vehicles.

Solutions needed to support resources in EA and MN.

Resources currently enroute to EA will go through Minneapolis.

NICC staff can work with NERV to develop a plan.



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International

David Lee set up as International COD in NICC.

Draft and reissue correspondence document for international entry. - Support

Draft and distribute "welcome" letter 7/17. - Support

Mob Center is activated.

Enterprise is standing by for the vehicles, all are light trucks or SUVs.

2 INLOs will be stationed at NIFC.

Drafting welcome agenda with Leader's Intent messaging and itinerary for training day.

Aviation introduction will need to be half a day or a different day.

NICC working to update Learning Portal information.

Set up coordinating call with Heath and NICC staff this afternoon. - Support

Concern with Learning Portal Fuels and Fire Weather Behavior portion being outdated. Suggest removing from the training and presenting during training day in person.

Learning Portal will be sent to Australia end of shift 7/17.

Rappel Ships

NR – Several, SW – 1, NW – 4, RM – 3, GB – 3, CA – 3

Rappel aircraft should be reallocated off large fires to fill IA requests.

Currently 3 helicopters on large fire support in RM. 1 unavailable due to engine swap, 1 on Elk and 1 on Fishhook.

Tahoe is showing on large fire support but is mobilizing back to base.

3 ships can be identified as underutilized and moved to support IA in other GAs.

Rappel PM and NMAC Ops will work on a plan to reallocate several rappel ships to NW. -

Support

IA request from NW was UTFd this morning.

Consider utilizing smokejumpers rather than rappel.

