

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 17, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Ramona Beyuka	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Sean Peterson	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: 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:	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Chief Fennessy, Hans Ohme, George Geissler, Jim Prevette, Mike Krupski, Richard Parrish, Dave Williams, Harold Riggs, Jeremy Sullens, Ramona Beyuka, Megan Kephart, David Lee, Col Little, Josh Acosta, Jason Bruce, Karis Collet, Heath Cota, Beau Dobberstein, Jason Bruce, Ben Gannon, Eric Graff, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Shihming Huang, Josh Ingle, Shaun Jensen, Marcus Medina, Brant Porter, Brian Reublinger, Bryan Stamps, Dave Underwood, JT Gilman, Jose Munguia

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 18 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, 300 new starts, 68 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO, 18 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 372 crews, 1,024 engines, 140 helicopters, 17,500 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 9 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

3-6 – Cal Fire, timber and brush, 180 acres.

Northwest: PL4, 150 new starts, numerous unstaffed fires, 23 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs. E Evans Creek – ODF Team 1, extreme behavior, brush and timber, 13,000 acres, 5% contained. Salmon – NW Team 12, managing Olive Butte, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 1,500 acres, 15% contained.

Olive Butte – Moderate behavior, evacuations, 2,500 acres, 10% contained.

Anthony – NW Team 3, timber and brush, evacuations, 1,900 acres, 8% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7 mobilizing, timber, 100 acres.

Crosswhite – NW Team 10 mobilizing, active behavior, light fuels, 11,000 acres.

11 large fires in Prineville District BLM, few resources assigned,

Brewer – ODF Team 2 mobilizing, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 3,000 acres.

Akawa Butte – Active behavior, timber, 3,200 acres, 0% contained.

Coyote – Timber and light fuels, moderate behavior, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Egypt – SA Team 2 mobilizing, 2,300 acres.

Riddle – 300 acres, 0% contained.

Lions Ferry – WA state, extreme behavior, light fuels, 5,000 acres, plus nearby county fire.

Kaiser Canyon – BIA, NR Team 2 mobilizing, timber, active behavior, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Royal Lake – Light fuels, extreme behavior, 12,000 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 36 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, several good catches yesterday.

Thorn – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 1,200 acres, 65% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, moderate IA, 25 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Turner – 600 acres.

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

Great Basin: PL4, 21 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Black Ridge – Light fuels, 10,000 acres.

Stookey – Active behavior, chaparral, 10,300 acres, 13% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 6, moderate behavior, timber, 101,100 acres, 62% contained.

Buck Basin – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 145 acres, 64% contained.

Claremont – EA Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels, 6,800 acres, 74% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 9 new starts, activity in FL.

Sawgrass – Active behavior, grass, 330 acres, 50% contained.

Mile Marker 40 and Broward 06 – Active behavior, grass, 4,400 acres, 20% contained.

Charger 2 – Active behavior, southern rough, 1,000 acres, 40% contained.



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Rocky Mountain: PL4, 13 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 6 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – NR Team 6, moderate behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 99,800 acres, 48% contained.

Fishhook – NW Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, 347 acres, 0% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 2, moderate behavior, 37,700 acres, 13% contained.

Elk – NW Team 8, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Ferris – CA Team 7, minimal behavior, timber, 64,800 acres, 57% contained.

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

Eastern Area: PL3, 1 new start, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO Team, 1 CIMT, 30,000 acres of large fire growth.

Thumb – NIMO Team 1, managing Camp and Sioux, active behavior, 15,400 acres, 0% contained.

Camp – Active behavior, 4,400 acres, 0% contained.

Sioux – Active behavior, 10,840 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Trap – SA Team 1, active behavior, 34,500 acres, 0% contained.

Little Knife – Extreme behavior, evacuations, 5,500 acres on US side, 0% contained.

Chub – Active behavior, 400 acres, 1% contained.

Southwest: PL2, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires.

Pocket – Minimal behavior, light fuels, received precipitation, 27,300 acres, 83% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Ramona Beyuka)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- Hot and drier conditions will follow the lightning which has occurred over the last few days with localized breezy this afternoon 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 through the weekend as monsoon moisture continues to circulate
- Rainfall in Texas will diminish after this morning, with deep south Texas under extreme heat and dry conditions
- 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
- Dry, gusty trade winds will develop over Puerto Rico this weekend, increasing risk high risk of large fires

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- 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



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Convergence of several things have caused degradation of data recently.

Fiber cable cut at impacted RAWs data flow from ground level to FEMS since 0800 on 7/16.

NFDRS data within FEMS is inaccurate and will become increasingly inaccurate and unrepresented of true data.

The best product currently is the 7-day significant fire potential.

Expect lack of data and inconsistencies for up to a week.

Working on messaging through JFIDS out to the GAs.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	2
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		38	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT		0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1	98	0	
HELO TYPE2	49	0	
HELO TYPE3	60	0	
LARGE TRANS			Available in Boise
CIMT	18	7	2 T3 IMTs available
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	68	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	117	0	
CREW TYPE 2	267		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	86	85	41 on overhead assignments
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	32	
RAPPELERS		93	
CATERERS	19	9	
SHOWERS	27	31	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	4
HELO	3
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	6
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	2
CREWS	10 IHCS
ENGINES	3
OVERHEAD	98 (TFLD)
PENDING	440 total: 45 e, 38 T1, 16 T2 crews, 3 helicopters, 212 overhead



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- No significant needs, conversion occurred at 0700 today.

California – Jay Kurth

- Report of fire on Klamath yesterday with civilians trapped, turned out to be spoof call with no actual fire.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- PL3, minimal IA, steady growth on large fires. ¼ inch to 1 inch of raining, lot of lightning. Flying fires this morning. Critical needs for T1/T2IA crews, WFM, hoses, pumps.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA. Buck Basin should drop off tomorrow. Releasing resources to support NW as able.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL2, moderate IA, expecting busy few days with forecasted lightning, discussing PL3 over the weekend.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL4, potential for PL5 in the next couple of days, 6 CIMTs requested last night. Colville District will take NR Team. Mobilizing NW Team 7 to Paradise incident. 2 CIMTs requested for Prineville District BLM, discussing how to split fires. ODF Team 2 is taking central OR fires. Requesting 2 additional prepositioned CIMTs due to lack of resources and emerging incidents. Critical need for aviation resources and crews. IWI occurred yesterday.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, light to moderate IA, successful pick up on some fires. Building several surge packages, reallocating critical resources. Critical need for T1 crews and WFM. Job Corp T3 IMT will be prepositioned in Casper. Smokejumper load released end of shift today, back in IA hopper tomorrow morning.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- IA continues, no critical fire needs. ESF4 stood up in Texas for flooding. FEMA has pushed up preposition resource requests



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Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, light IA. CA Team 6 demobilized and traveling home.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Continuing to draft Briefing Papers and communicating with leadership. Basic 32 training at JBLM will be completed today, will be ready for use next week, IMO has been pre-identified primarily utilizing NIMO as the core.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- WA and OR are triaging fires to strategically place resources. WA turnover, resources treated and released.



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NMAC Operations Report Out

Busy day yesterday for aerial firefighters, expected to remain busy.
4 rappel ships available in NW, already working IA.
NW is rappelled out.
NR has 2 ships available, numerous standing orders today.
Ordering light fixed wing to support moving rappellers.
Potential for rappel ship to mobilize to EA.
85 smokejumpers available this morning, outstanding orders.
Numerous bases jumped out.
Additional airtanker expected to come on, no ETA.
MAFFS flew a lot yesterday, MAFFS 2 and 5 down today mechanical.
24 UMODs committed, outstanding orders for the NW.
Multiple crew orders filled for the NW.
Low crew availability continues until 7/20.
Emerging incident crew needs will need to be filled off
Numerous CIMT requests sitting for the NW, will go to the national rotation.
6 CIMTs on days off or demobilizing, 7 CIMTs have 0 assignments.
Network/IT issues impacting radio shop, potential to cause delays in the field.
Cache supporting other caches.
Bringing down 400 pumps from AK to NR for distribution.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 897 active fires.

Northwest Territories and Ontario at PL4.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.68)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Current PL tracker showing 4.68 with a jump to 4.8 expected in the next couple of days.

Fires in the NW are likely significantly underreported.

Fewer IMTs mobilized, no GACCs at PL5.

Forecast includes high heat, dry weather, additional lightning.

Many T3 IMTs mobilized to incidents.

Recommend increasing to PL5 at 0730 on 7/18. -Support

NMAC Meetings will go to 7 days a week moving forward. -Support

International

No major issues or concerns, everything is on pace.

NERV vehicles will start arriving 7/20.

Letters to Customs and Border Control and Australia/New Zealand First Responders will be distributed today.

Standing meeting set up between NICC staff and Australia/New Zealand.

Non-Fire Module

Interagency task group has come to the consensus for NMOD rather than AMOD.

Putting together non-traditional resources that are not responders in the system to be grouped together with a leader and assigned.

NMOD Correspondence will be distributed today. -Support

FAST Team

Recommend shortening FAST Delegation Correspondence document, sharing with impacted GAs for review and distributing final to the Team.

Team lead is aware orders are expected this afternoon.

Megan K will coordinate with NICC staff to push the overhead orders through the system.

FAST Delegation letter will be issued at 1700 on 7/17. -Support

Prioritizing Resources to IA

IA will remain the priority over large fire support.

Shifted rappel resources into NW for IA.

Expecting rappel request from EA prioritizing IA, supporting large fire support as able.

Consider the utilization of smokejumpers for EA instead.

NMAC Ops will work with program managers to present a proposal for aerial delivered firefighters to the EA. -Revisit 7/18

Boise Helitack T1 restricted coming available today.

Scoopers

Recommend reallocating 2 scoopers from RM to EA.



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Scoopers did not fly in EA yesterday, expecting additional IA.

RM utilizing all 4 scoopers on Aspen Acres and Fishhook. Requesting maintaining 4 scoopers for 48 hours.

All 4 scoopers will remain in RM. -Revisit in a couple days.

ESF4

Requesting a 10-person team and two T2IA crews or 4 SMODs.

This is a FEMA preposition request, state of TX is not communicating any critical needs.

Recommend holding off on filling ESF4 preposition resource request and monitoring situation. -

Support

Complex Incident Management Teams

NR Team and SA Team orders have been placed.

Request for 2 additional prepositioned CIMTs placed from the NW.

7-8 CIMTs mobilized yesterday, will create a cliff on the back end of the glidepath.

Potential the CIMT assigned to Claremont is not committed for a full 14 days.

Recommend filling both (2) preposition CIMT request for the NW. -Support

AK, NR, and 5 CA CIMTs with no assignments.

Tentative glidepath for NW Team 13 to replace NW Team 12.

Wildfire Surface Smoke Briefing

Smoke Briefing is requested for 7/18. -Support

Briefing document will continue to be sent to NMAC. -Support

Public Affairs

Discuss dedicated NMAC PIO/Public Affairs.

Revisit 7/18.

