

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 19, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Megan Kephart	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Ramona Beyuka	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Megan Kephart	Information
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NMAC Operations Report Out	Megan Kephart	Information
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Administration	Megan Kephart	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: Megan Kephart	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Goldman
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Dave Williams	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Ramona Beyuka
☒ Crews: Josh Acosta	☒ NMAC Operations: Megan Kephart	☐ 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: Hans Ohme, Chief Fennessy, Grant Beebe, Mark Goeller, George Geissler, Harold Riggs, Jeremy Sullens, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, Mike Johnson, Jason Bruce, Karis Collet, Col Little, John Mckee, Marcus Medina, Bryan Stamps, Court Wallace, Dave Underwood

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 20 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL5, 149 new starts, 78 uncontained large fires, 25 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, 420 crews, 1,142 engines, 144 helicopters, 19,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 21 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires,
Biscar – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 4,200 acres, 0% contained.
Brook – Light fuels, moderate behavior, 360 acres, 0% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 13 new stars, 38 uncontained large fires, 13 CIMTs.
Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, 53,000 acres, 0% contained.
Modrite – NR Team 3 mobilizing, WA DNR, light fuels, active behavior, 6,000 acres, 0% contained.
Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Hagen and Horse Ridge, timber and light fuels, active behavior, 300 acres, 0% contained.
Burnt Creek – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 500 acres, 0% contained.
Powder River – SW Team 3, active behavior, light fuels, 15,000 acres, 15% contained.
Anthony – NW Team 3 TOC NW Team 13 tomorrow, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 1,900 acres, 20% contained.
Salmon – NW Team 12, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 1,400 acres, 15% contained.
Bologna – NV T3 IMT mobilizing, timber and grass, active behavior, 759 acres, 0% contained.
Hay Creek Complex – NW Team 10, active behavior, 6 fires, 100,000 acres, 27% contained.
Rowe Creek Complex – NW Team 2, active behavior, 5 fires, 150,000 acres, 0% contained.
Box Springs – ODF, light fuels and timber, 2,000 acres.
Brewer, Akawa Butte – ODF Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 20,000 acres, 0% contained.
Coyote – CA Team 1, extreme behavior, 15,000 acres, 0% contained.
E Evans Creek Road – ODF Team 1, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 14,000 acres, 8% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 20 new starts, heavy use of aerial-delivered firefighters,
Upper Smith – NR Team 1, managing Turner, moderate behavior, timber, 653 acres, 0% contained.
Turner – Minimal behavior, grass, 676 acres, 47% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 24 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.
Ohio – IDL, light fuels and timber, active behavior, evacuations, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.
All other fires saw minimal to moderate behavior.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, 17 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 6 CIMTs.
All fires experienced minimal to moderate fire behavior.

Eastern Area: PL4, 1 new start, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO Team.
Sioux - SA Team 1, managing Camp, Bear Trap, Chub, and Thumb. Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, approximately 65,000 total acres.



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Little Knife - NIMO Team 3, timber, 6,000 acres, 0% contained.

Predictive Services Update National Fire Weather Update (Ramona Beyuka)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Tuesday)

- Strong, gusty winds will spread east from the Northern Rockies into the Great Lakes through Tuesday
- Thunderstorms, some potentially severe, will impact northern Minnesota Sunday evening into the overnight hours, followed by breezy north winds Monday and Tuesday
- Scattered to widespread wet thunderstorms will continue across the Four Corners as monsoon moisture persists, limiting fire potential
- Hot and predominantly dry conditions will prevail across the West Coast, Inland Northwest, Great Plains into Great Lakes, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
- Showers and thunderstorms are expected across Florida and the Southeast today, while strong winds develop across the Carolinas today and southern Florida on Monday
- Dry, gusty trade winds will develop over Puerto Rico this weekend, increasing the potential for large fire growth

Long-term (Wednesday through next Tuesday)

- An upper-level ridge will shift westward midweek, bringing persistent hot temperatures to much of the West and portions of the Midwest
- Monsoonal flow will continue to produce showers and thunderstorms across the Southwest and Great Basin
- Pacific moisture brings a chance of thunderstorms back to Northern California and the Pacific Northwest midweek
- Breezy winds across the Great Lakes through midweek will support elevated to critical conditions over northern Minnesota, while below-normal spread across much of the eastern U.S. as trough settles into southeastern Canada
- A wetter pattern is expected across much of the Southeast, excluding southern Florida, while dry conditions developing over Texas this weekend are likely to persist



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		3, 5, 7, 3,9	1, 3
VLAT		1, 2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		33	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT		54	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		21	
HELO TYPE1	97		
HELO TYPE2	54		
HELO TYPE3	65		
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	25	4	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	64		
CREW TYPE 2IA	126		
CREW TYPE 2	350	Many	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	121	83	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		32	
RAPPELERS		102	
CATERERS	25	3	
SHOWERS	36	23	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	17
TANKER	2
HELO	1
AIR ATTACK	
IR	13
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	2
CREWS	19
ENGINES	31
OVERHEAD	321 (DIVS, TFLD, HEQB, SOF)
PENDING	



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update **Alaska – Tyler Anderson**

- Exporting resources to the lower 48.

California – Jay Kurth

- Forecasting potential for lightning over the next 3 nights and scattered thunderstorms. Biscar is 4,200 acres, unique threats include highway closure, significant natural gas substations. Critical needs for crews and airtankers.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- PL4, drawdown and need for resources in MN, little IA. Smoke limiting flight visibility, evacuation areas have expanded, Blueberry Festival has been cancelled, Boundary Waters are closed. Critical need for RADO, INCM, expanded dispatch. May be unable to put FDNY Team together in current state.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, prioritizing 4 large fires, 2 new and emerging incidents. Ohio received ¼ inch of rain yesterday. Debris flows and flood issues on some incidents.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, moderate IA, heavy use of aerial-delivered firefighters. Critical needs for HECM and crews.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- NW MAC stood up, getting fully stood up today. Organizing resources in OR, private entities plowing fields to assist. E Evans Creek Road incident continues to be a challenge with spotting. Teams are right sizing management of fires. ODF Team 3 will manage Box Springs and Brewer. NW Team 2 will take Anthony and branch to take Burnt Creek. NW Team 12 likely to submit extension request. Little Giant incident may submit NIMO IMT, considering T3 IMT. WA state requesting National Guard helicopters. Critical need for middle management, medical management and dispatch. Consider additional MAFFS units.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, light IA. Bird strike on scooper yesterday, operational again today. T1 helicopter available nationally. Moderating weather, continued need for crews. Ops Group in MAC has been discussing critical needs and surge resources.



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Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL2, IA continues. Emerging incident in SC, Horse Island, moving resources to FL. ESF4 activity in TX shows an exit in the glidepath for the floods. Monitoring activity in the northern Gulf for anticipated impacts.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, light IA, exporting resources.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Working on NIMO coordination to figure out what can be supported: Little Knife, international and potential military mobilization.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Kaiser Canyon received an FMAG last night.

NASF – Greg Smith

- Cal Fire shared resources with ODF including strike teams and dozers. 3 National Guard helicopters mobilized in WA. Discussing state surge from FL to ODF. Helitack involved in burnover yesterday, all treated and released.



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NMAC Operations Report Out

Rappel ship in Sun River down mechanical today, rappellers will backfill on central OR.

Rappel ship from RM mobilizing to EA today.

Short-haul will still transition to NW.

Last IAA sensor ship will mobilize from SW to NW today.

Crews continue to be mobilized to NW, EA, RM and NR.

NICC mobilizing 8 crews from AK 7/22 and 7/28, 6 crews will need rigs.

NIIC-D reported limiting frequencies in NW, securing temporary use frequencies.

Acquiring frequencies on the Canadian border has been difficult.

Incident should prioritize shipping back command repeaters and unused equipment.

Liaison Report Out

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Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Military

Based on need, possible for international and military resources to mobilize to the same GA. Middle management, leadership, and logistics have already been pre-identified. NW may be willing to accept all resources if the right long-duration incident is identified.

FAST Team

NW request potential utilization of FAST Team once finished with RM and GB. FAST Delegation will be sent to all associates. -Support
FAST inbrief invite will sent today for Tuesday meeting.

Complex Incident Management Teams

NW monitoring glidepath and staggering teams after mobilizing so many in one day. Consider approving 1-2 day extensions for several CIMTs. Concern with reducing 7 days of unavailability for CIMTs. SA Team on Egypt/Stone Creek may be good candidate. CIMT demobilization cliff upcoming on 8/2. 5 CIMTs are available for the week. According to current rules CA is the only CIMT available for the remainder of this week's rotation. CA would be able to fill 3 CIMTs this week. Ferris and Cottonwood are not requesting replacement teams. Recommend supporting extension for NW Team 12 on Salmon. -Support
ODF has no additional teams available. Would not want to pull all available CIMTs out of CA and leave none available within the GA. Add ODF teams to the glidepath. -Support

Surge Teams

FDNY IMT not expected to be utilized in MN unless NIMO Team 3 needs significant C&G support. Several T3 IMTs available across Eastern Area, may have to pull personnel from the CIMT. Several state T3 IMTs planned for the EA. Potential opportunities to combine FDNY IMT with additional personnel if the need arises.

International Procurement Support

Recommend sending international resources to NW. Consider attaching an admin/procurement personnel to the NW for international support. David has been making contacts and working on acquiring a procurement personnel. FS willing to assist in providing a dedicated in-person resource to travel with the international resources for purchasing.

Crews

1 T2IA contract crew extension request from RM for Fishhook for 7 days. -Support
Contingent on crew receiving adequate rest days off after the assignment. No T2IA crews available.



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Aviation

No additional MAFFS currently available.

Potential to move 2 from SOPS to Stead.

Stead approved for reloading only.

Klamath Falls cannot accept additional aircraft.

McClellan, Chico and Redding available for overnights.

NV unable to support with MAFFS details or crews until middle of August.

WY currently at max capability preparing for deployment.

Visibility and smoke will remain an issue for airtankers.

Recommend leaving all MAFFS in current location for the next couple of days and re-evaluate. -

Support

