

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 20, 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
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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: 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: Ramona Beyuka
☒ Crews: Josh Acosta	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ IMTs: LJ Brown
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: Brian Reublinger	☒ 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: Ben Gannon	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Jeremy Sullens, Col Little, Jim Prevette, Magen Kephart, George Geisseler, Dave Williams, Harold Riggs, Marcus Medina, Bryan Stamps, Mike Henry, David Lee, Shihming Huang, Dave Underwood, Penny States, Shaun Jensen, Karis Collet, Ben Oakleaf, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Brant Porter, Mike Mattfeldt, Kristen Corkins, Gordy Sachs, Witne Neil, Trevor Pollock, Kari Cobb, Heath Cota, Beale Monday

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 21 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 128 new starts, 75 uncontained large fires, 25 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, 404 crews, 1,188 engines, 140 helicopters, 19,397 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 17 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Biscar – CA Team 3, light fuels, extreme behavior, 30,000 acres, 5% contained.

Brook – Cal Fire, active behavior, light fuels, 500 acres, 30% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 4 new starts, 39 uncontained large fires, 14 CIMTs, 205,000 acres large fire growth.

Ptarmigan – Snags, 100 acres.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, 62,000 acres, 0% contained.

Powder River – SW Team 3, active behavior, light fuels, 20,500 acres, 25% contained.

Akawa Butte – ODF Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, 10,330 acres, 3% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – 5 fires, NW Team 2, active behavior, 147,000 acres, 0% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – 6 fires, NW Team 10, active behavior, 92,000 acres, 27% contained.

Egypt – SA Team 2, managing Stone Creek, active behavior, 4,600 acres, 0% contained.

Stone Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, 90 acres, 0% contained.

E Evans Creek Road – ODF Team 1, active behavior, brush, 14,500 acres, 8% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Hagan and Horse Ridge, active behavior, timber and light fuels, 470 acres, 0% contained.

Salmon – NW Team 12, managing Olive Butte, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 1,400 acres, 20% contained.

Olive Butte – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 30,000 acres, 20% contained.

Anthony – NW Team 3 TOC NW Team 13 today, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 2,300 acres, 20% contained.

Box Springs – ODF Team 3, managing Brewer, extreme behavior, light fuels, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Brewer – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 24,500 acres, 1% contained.

South Ops: PL3, light IA.

Thorn – Cal Fire, 100% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 14 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, managing Turner, moderate behavior, timer, 748 acres, 0% contained.

Turner – Minimal behavior, grass, 681 acres, 47% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, moderate IA, 27 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Ohio – Active behavior, light fuels, 2,000 acres, 10% contained.

Claremont – EA Team 1 TOC GB Team 3 today, minimal behavior, light fuels, 6,800 acres, 85% contained.

Stookey – Moderate behavior, chaparral, 10,337 acres, 40% contained.

Babylon – GB Team 6, minimal behavior, light fuels, 107,000 acres, 95% contained.



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Cottonwood – GB Team 4 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, received precipitation, 97,400 acres, 90% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 6 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires.

Horse Island – SC, timber and light fuels, extreme behavior, evacuations, 550 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, moderate IA, 22 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 6 CIMTs.

Big Gulch – County, light fuels, 1,600 acres.

Hartman Hill – County, timber and brush, 100 acres.

Aspen Acres – NR Team 6, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 100,000 acres, 61% contained.

Fishhook – SW Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels, 340 acres, 8% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 2, moderate behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 38,000 acres, 13% contained.

Ferris – CA Team 7 TOC local unit today, timber and brush, 64,881 acres, 83% contained.

Eastern Area: PL4, light IA, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO Team.

All fires remain 0% contained.

Little Knife – NIMO Team 3, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,300 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL2, light IA, no issues or concerns.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Ramona Beyuka)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Wednesday)

- Strong, gusty winds will spread east from the Northern Rockies into the Great Lakes through Tuesday
- Thunderstorms from early this morning will be followed by breezy north winds this afternoon 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, although cloud cover will keep temperatures cooler at times in the northwestern U.S.
- Isolated thunderstorms are possible in the high terrain of northern California this afternoon, expanding into the southern Cascades on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Showers and thunderstorms are expected across Florida and the Southeast today due to Tropical Depression Two nearby, with the depression expected to develop into Tropical Storm Bertha later today and make landfall in along the northern Gulf Coast midweek
- Dry, gusty trade winds continue in Puerto Rico today for high-risk significant fire potential before moderate later in the week

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- An upper-level ridge will shift westward midweek, bringing persistent hot temperatures to much of the West and portions of the Midwest
- Isolated mixed wet/dry lightning in the northwestern U.S. Thursday with several new ignitions likely and potential large fires
- Drier southwest flow will bring periods of breezy and dry winds creating areas of elevated to locally critical conditions and moderate to occasionally high-risk significant fire potential to the northwestern U.S. late this week into early next week
- The monsoon will continue to keep very low fire potential in the Greater Four Corners into early next week
- Hot and dry conditions are becoming more likely in Minnesota late this week, which may be followed by wind and lightning this weekend
- A wetter pattern is expected across much of the Southeast, excluding southern Florida, while dry conditions over Texas this weekend are likely to persist well into next week



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Weather data is now flowing from RAWs and FEMS has completed a recalc, concern has been resolved.

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory out of RM has been expired.

Active Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory in GB. Will be reviewed.

Fuels statement has been renewed in EA.

Elevated conditions in NW will persist or worsen.

Rapid drying for central/northern Idaho and western Montana.

Short reprieve in northern MN ending, aggressive fire behavior may return.

Two wet systems will bring some relief to eastern parts of Southern Area.

Normal to above-normal conditions for NOPS, drying in SOPS.

Potential escalation of fire conditions with lightning in NOPS, NW, and northern GB.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		38	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT		0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1		0	
HELO TYPE2		1	
HELO TYPE3		3	
LARGE TRANS			Ferrying up to AK tomorrow to bring crews back to lower 48 on 7/22.
CIMT	27	3	No T3 IMTs available.
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	62	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	127	2	
CREW TYPE 2	378	Unknown	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	115	85	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	28	
RAPPELERS		113	
CATERERS	26	0	
SHOWERS		24	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	18
TANKER	2
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	
IR	13
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	12 T1/T2IA, couple camp crews
ENGINES	4
OVERHEAD	237 (TFLD, HEQB, SEC, DIVS, dispatch, RADO)
PENDING	500 – 26 engines, 24 T1/T2IA crews, 4 T2 crews, 289 overhead



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- No critical needs. Karis will be filling in as backup.

California – Jay Kurth

- Biscar is 31,000 acres, CIMT mobilizing, inbrief today at 1800. Power shutdown on transmission lines going into Reno, difficult terrain. Critical need for dozers, DIVS, airtankers and engines.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL4, focus remains on northeast MN, light IA. Critical needs remain unchanged. NIMO Team likely to identify additional needs for Little Knife.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, prioritizing 5 large fires. Debris near Cottonwood shutdown interstate near Beaver. Demobilizing many fires, exporting resources. Revisiting PL on Wednesday.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, light IA, no needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Holdovers continue, IA capacity is low, aviation is key to successful catches in addition to aerial-delivered resources. Several fires continue to show perimeter heat. Akawa Butte and E Evans Creek Road continue to spread toward populated areas. ODF looking at FL state team for replacement on E Evans Creek Road. NW Team taking Burnt Creek tomorrow. Monitoring the number of CIMTs in central Oregon, overlapping TFRs. Safety zone movement on one incident, evaluating gear.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, moderate IA. Big Gulch, 1,600 acres, MMA flying. Critical need for maintaining crew levels and HECM. Releasing national caterer on Ferris.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- ESF4 for Texas went offline last night. Ad hoc T3 IMT filled for Horse Island.

Southwest – Mike Spilde



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- PL2, light IA, mobilized T3 IMT to NW. May have additional T3 IMTs come available this week.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Working on Canada mapping with fires in MN. Identify incident for military activation with caterer and shower.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- FL state team not yet confirmed. ND planning to order resources for severity. One crew mobilized to Canada, no additional resources sent to Canada through the compact.



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NMAC Operations Report Out

Moving aviation resources from SW to NW.

1 T2 CWN helicopter available.

All 16 rappel ships available today.

Rappel ship arrived in Ely, MN today.

25 UMODs committed today.

85 smokejumpers available, bringing boosters down to the lower 48 from AK.

Jump 29 is down mechanical.

50 active TFRs, 1 temporary tower.

28 NROPS large fire missions flew last night.

8 MAFFS drops occurred yesterday.

Filling multiple crew orders for NW.

Crew availability should increase today and tomorrow, continue shifting resources off large fires for IA.

2 federal IHCs and 2 T2IA crews mobilizing to lower 48.

3 CIMTs released yesterday.

Next day 10 CIMT decision point will be on Wednesday.

Increase in RIST support and requests, 45 staff supporting 40 incidents.

NIIC-D remote expansion kits low.

Running low on frequencies for OR, N WA and MN.

Cache to cache requests delayed this weekend due to lack of contract drivers.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 930 active fires.

Mexico providing Canada with 10 crews.

Requesting IMT support from Australia and New Zealand.

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

Staff unable to make daily call.

2 virtual drop-in sessions this week for firefighter health and welfare and dealing with cumulative loss.

Administration

PL – 5 (4.87)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Military Activation

Economy Act requirements have been met.

Must meet Title 32 requirements dependent on where the battalion is set to be mobilized.

NMAC selects location and begins formal RFA to the military.

Mobilization takes up to 14 days.

Military can spread out and spike out and do not need to be on one fire.

OR and WA both have trained National Guard crews.

MN not the best location for military in regard to duration and need.

Revisit 7/21.

Public Affairs

USWFS does not have a dedicated public affairs office, they are DOI.

Consider a Public Affairs Specialist brought in on an RO to support NMAC.

USWFS and FS must agree on who the dedicated person should be.

Kari and Witne will create a small group to meet and finalize details today or tomorrow. -

Support

Complex Incident Management Teams

3 CA CIMTs are available with 0 assignments.

1 CIMT in NW on preposition.

Able to discuss bringing one of several CIMTs with 2 assignments back in if necessary.

5 additional CIMTs are coming off R&R this week.

Consider if CIMT rosters should be held together or if those personnel should be available to go out on individual overhead assignments.

AK Team 2 is available next week.

Crews

Continue to focus on prioritizing NW, ensuring there is not a crew cliff.

Supplementing EA with crews daily.

Redirected 3 contract crews and 3 IHCs to NOPS yesterday.

Anticipated weather in NR, continuing daily conversations and sending crews.

Josh will be POC through Saturday.

International

Everything is on pace, no issues or concerns.

Looking for additional personnel with purchasing authority.

Will provide lunch during inbriefing and a welcome dinner.

2 INLOs arrive on the evening of 7/22.

Finalized rosters will be available 7/21.

FS has identified a micro-purchaser to travel with the international resources.

Need identified for 15-person IMT on Little Giant or Paradise with the CIMT.

Working to get IMT personnel access to all systems.

Aim to avoid international resources and the battalion mobilizing to the same incident.

International resources will be mobilized to the NW. -Support

