

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 21, 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
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: John Goss	☒ 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: 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:	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Hans Ohme, Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, Harold Riggs, Mike Henry, Beau Dobberstein, Maj Fort, Col Little, Mike Mattfeldt, Kristen Corkins, John Mckee, David Lee, Kristin Kirschner, Shaun Jensen, Elise Hawes, Jason Bruce, Ben Gannon, Shihming Huang, Marcus Medina, Seth Morphis, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Bryan Stamps, Mike Theune, Dave Underwood, Gordy Sachs, Kari Cobb, Erin McDuff, Jim Wallmann

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 22 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, light IA, 118 new starts, 72 uncontained large fires, 24 CIMTs, 1 NIMO, 4 MAFFS, 446 crews, 1,127 engines, 125 helicopters, 21,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 13 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Biscar – CA Team 3, light fuels, extreme behavior, 40,000 acres, 5% contained.

Brook – Cal Fire, minimal behavior, light fuels, 502 acres, 43% contained.

Northwest: PL5, light IA, 27 uncontained large fires, 13 CIMTs.

Ptarmigan – Active behavior, brush and snags, 300 acres.

Modrite – WA DNR, NR Team 3, timber, active behavior, 8,000 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, light fuels, active behavior, evacuations, 68,500 acres, 0% contained.

Akawa Butte – ODF, ODF Team 2, timber and light fuels, extreme behavior, 13,600 acres, 3% contained.

Box Springs – ODF Team 3, managing Brewer, active behavior, 4,500 acres, 0% contained.

Brewer – Active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 24,460 acres, 1% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – 6 fires, NW Team 10, light fuels, active behavior, 116,000 acres, 20% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – 5 fires, NW Team 2, active behavior, evacuations, 148,550 acres, 5% contained.

E Evans Creek Road – ODF Team 1, active behavior, evacuations, 15,000 acres, 17% contained.

Coyote – CA Team 1, managing Henry and Crooked, timber and brush, moderate behavior, 16,700 acres, 15% contained.

Henry – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 14,500 acres, 10% contained.

Crooked – Minimal behavior, grass, 350 acres, 70% contained.

Salmon – NW Team 12, managing Olive Butte, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 1,400 acres, 30% contained.

Olive Butte – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,000 acres, 25% contained.

Sully – Moderate behavior, grass, 640 acres, 30% contained.

Egypt – SA Team 2, timber and brush, 4,600 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 16 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Rock – Cal Fire, extreme behavior, light fuels, 1,700 acres, 0% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 6 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, continued activity in Idaho panhandle and eastern Montana.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, 877 acres, 0% contained.

Turner – Minimal behavior, grass, 680 acres, 66% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, light IA, 21 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Good catch in NV, 200 acres, 60% contained.

Ohio – IDL, minimal behavior, light fuels, 2,000 acres, 60% contained.

Stookey – Minimal behavior, chaparral, 11,800 acres, 70% contained.

Claremont, Cottonwood, and Babylon all in high percentages of containment.



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Southern Area: PL2, 9 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires.

Horse Island – Timber and light fuels, active behavior, 750 acres, 0% contained.

Large fires continue in southern FL.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, moderate IA, 35 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – NR Team 6, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 101,500 acres, 61% contained.

Fishhook – SW Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 313 acres, 15% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 2, moderate behavior, light fuels, 38,000 acres, 24% contained.

Elk – NW Team 8, minimal behavior, timber, 2,300 acres, 0% contained.

Willow – CA Team 8, moderate behavior, brush, evacuations, 7,200 acres, 41% contained.

Big Gulch – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,100 acres, 30% contained.

Eastern Area: PL4, 3 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO Team.

Fires on Superior NF all remain at 0% contained.

Little Knife – NIMO Team 3, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,900 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL2, no issues or concerns.

Pocket – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 27,300 acres, 95% contained.

Sacaton – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 9,800 acres, 90% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Ramona Beyuka)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- Strong, gusty northerly winds are forecast for Minnesota and the Great Lakes Region this afternoon
- Isolated high based thunderstorms are possible over the southern Cascades today, with potential expanding into Washington by Wednesday and into the Northern Rockies Thursday
- Daily afternoon scattered to widespread wet thunderstorms will continue across the Four Corners today and Wednesday as monsoon moisture persists, limiting fire potential across much of the area, before a shift in the high-pressure ridge causes the moisture to be limited to the Southwest, eastern Great Basin, and central Rockies Thursday
- Hot and predominantly dry conditions will prevail across much of California, the Inland Northwest, and northern Great Plains, with cooler but mostly dry conditions for the Great Lakes and Northeast
- Showers and thunderstorms are expected across Florida and the Southeast today due to Tropical storm Bertha nearby, which is expected to make landfall in along the northern Gulf Coast midweek, however conditions in southern Florida and southern Texas continue to be primarily hot and dry
- Windy conditions are in store for eastern South Carolina, with southwesterly gusts from 25-35 mph today and high temperatures reaching the 90s, with hot breezy conditions persisting through midweek

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- An upper-level ridge will shift westward mid-next week, bringing persistent hot temperatures to much of the West, Plains, and Midwest for next week
- 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. Friday into early next week
- The monsoon will continue to keep very low fire potential in the Greater Four Corners into early next week
- An increasing threat of lightning and wind in Minnesota Friday through the weekend, with increasing initial attack and significant fire potential, which may spread into portions of Wisconsin and Michigan next week
- A wetter pattern will continue in the Southeast into the weekend with improving conditions, excluding south Florida, while hot and dry conditions over the southern Plains will increase potential much of next week



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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	109	0	
HELO TYPE2	54	0	
HELO TYPE3	68	3	
LARGE TRANS			Ferrying up to AK today to pick up 4 crews tomorrow.
CIMT	24	7	No T3 IMTs available
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	65	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	125	3	
CREW TYPE 2	386		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	65	124	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	32	
RAPPELERS		92	
CATERERS	29	0	
SHOWERS	37	23	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	14
TANKER	
HELO	6
AIR ATTACK	
IR	8
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	7
OVERHEAD	118 – 15 TFLD, RADO, SOF
PENDING	550 – 6 engines, 23 T1/T2IA crews, 4 T2 crews, 8 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, no needs or concerns. Helicopter 21 is ferrying down to lower 48. AK Team 2 will be rostered and available Thursday. 2 single engine scoopers are available nationally.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL3, light IA. Biscar managed by CA Team 3, critical need for crews, engines, middle management. Rock managed by local T3 IMT.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- Light IA, 12 fires in MN, acreage reduction on fires due to mapping in US. Critical need for middle management and crews, working on smokejumper orders. Assembling Ops group to prepare FDNY Team for mobilizing.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA. Ohio should drop off soon. Cottonwood TOC to local T3 IMT last night. No critical needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL3, good success with continued moderate IA. No critical needs.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL5. Some fires yesterday afternoon received moderating conditions. Ptarmigan in contact with British Columbia Fire Service, low priority incident, limited values. Preparing for significant set up with expected lightning and strong winds. Critical needs include medical resources and overhead. Request to hold on military RFA to discuss National Guard activation.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- Moderate to heavy IA. Procession for KMAX pilot yesterday, removing wreckage soon. Do not anticipate additional resource needs, will be slowly exporting T1 crews as conditions stabilize.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde



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- PL2, light IA. 2 T3 EU platforms available yesterday morning, no orders received. One additional will come available tomorrow.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Coordination continues to find critical resources.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- FL FS CIMT mobilizing to OR Friday, plan to take command of E Evans Creek Road.

NMAC Operations Report Out

One T2 rappel platform moving from RM to NW.

2 Lead planes down in Boise mechanical.

4 MAFFS, 1 tail swap for Channel Islands will occur this week. Request the pair be placed together moving forward.

Unable to fill UAS requests for the next couple of days.

81 smokejumpers committed in lower 48.

Jump 41 and Jump 60 down mechanical.

Thursday- Sunday CO will have no IAA night support.

Supporting 5 GAs with crews, working with GAs to prioritize.

Expect uptick in crew availability in the next couple of days with 6 IHCs coming available each day for the rest of the week.

3 T1 and 1 T2IA crews flying down from AK to SLC this week.

NW has 1 CIMT prepositioned. -Any national order would be placed to the prepositioned CIMT.

Frequencies for incidents within 75 miles of the Canadian border remain difficult to obtain.

All caches are running at 100% production capacity, refurbishing equipment will be prioritized.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 930 active fires, over 7 million acres burned.

Ontario and Northwest Territories at PL4.

Administration

PL – 5 (4.87)

GACC Priority: NW, RM, EA, NOPS

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Public Affairs

Identified public affairs person to fill the NMAC support role for announcements.

Discussing creating a designated Firenet account for announcements.

DOI can support the international resource arrival on Friday if the plan is not yet in place.

Revisit

Military

Several states must deploy National Guard resources and gain state leadership approvals prior to military battalion mobilization.

Job Corp

Job Corp has capability to provide camp crew personnel.

NICC staff will work with Job Corp on best fit, cache support or camp crews.

Engines

All fed-only resource requests will be UTF and sent back.

