

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 22, 2026

1100-1200

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
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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: Karis Collet	☒ California: John Goss	☒ 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: 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: Tyler McCowan	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Mark Goeller, Hans Ohme, Jeremy Sullens, Col Little, Jim Prevette, Megan Kephart, Harold Riggs, Penny States, Marcus Medina, David Lee, Kristen Corkins, Shaun Jensen, Jose Munguia, Gordy Sachs, John Cervantes, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Mike Henry, JT Gilman, Jason Bruce, Shihming Huang, Beale Monday, Brant Porter, Seth Morphis, Brant Porter, Mike Theune, Dave Underwood, Beale Monday

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 23 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 186 new starts, 72 uncontained large fires, 24 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, 492 crews, 1,159 engines, 124 helicopters, 21,200 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 20 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Biscar – CA Team 3, light fuels, active behavior, 69,300 acres, 5% contained.

Little – Cal Fire, active behavior, grass, 1,000 acres, 40% contained.

Rumsey – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 396 acres, 45% contained.

Brook – Cal Fire, minimal behavior, light fuels, 500 acres, 65% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 6 new starts, 34 uncontained large fires, 14 CIMTs.

Cow Camp Complex – 9 fires, light fuels, extreme behavior, 3,500 acres, 5% contained.

Powder River – NW Team 3, timber and light fuels, active behavior, 21,000 acres, 24% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Hagen and Horse Ridge, timber, active behavior, 8,700 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, 5,685 acres, 0% contained.

Salmon – NW Team 12, managing Olive Butte, timber and brush, evacuations, 1,400 acres, 35% contained.

Olive Butte – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,002 acres, 30% contained.

Anthony – NW Team 13, managing Burnt Creek, active behavior, 2,450 acres, 26% contained.

Burnt Creek – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Box Springs – ODF Team 3, managing Brewer, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 12,500 acres, 0% contained.

Brewer – Active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 30,000 acres, 5% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – 5 fires, NW Team 2, timber, active behavior, evacuations, 165,000 acres, 21% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – 5 fires, NW Team 10, active behavior, light fuels, 138,400 acres, 67% contained.

Coyote – CA Team 1, managing Henry and Crooked, moderate behavior, brush and timber, 17,400 acres, 21% contained.

Crooked – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 350 acres, 8% contained.

Egypt – SA Team 2, managing Stone Creek, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 4,500 acres, 35% contained.

Akawa Butte – ODF Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 19,000 acres, 3% contained.

E Evans Creek Road – ODF Team 1, FL State Team 1 mobilizing, moderate behavior, timber, 15,700 acres, 26% contained.

Several fires along the Canada border in northwestern WA, including Ptarmigan, Border 1 and Border 2.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 77,000 acres, 1% contained.

Modrite – NR Team 3, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 9,000 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 28 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.



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Rock – Cal Fire, light fuels, active behavior, 8,000 acres, 5% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 3 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, managing Turner, moderate behavior, timber, 970 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, moderate IA, 32 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Little Cottonwood – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 1,100 acres, 70% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 25 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires.

Early Bird – AL, timber, active behavior, 200+ acres.

Horse Island – SC, active behavior, timber and light fuels, 1,000 acres, 20% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, 38 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Keystone – Light fuels, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Fuhr Gulch – CO, county, 500 acres.

Aspen Acres – NR Team 6, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 101,000 acres, 61% contained.

Eastern Area: PL4, 8 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO Team.

Sioux – SA Team 1, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber, received precipitation, 12,300 acres, 17% contained.

Bear Trap – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 29,600 acres, 34% contained.

Thumb – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 16,700 acres, 58% contained.

Chub – Minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 409 acres, 85% contained.

Little Knife – NIMO Team 3, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update National Fire Weather Update (Ramona Beyuka)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Isolated high-based thunderstorms are possible along the Cascades today, with the threat expanding into Washington and the Northern Rockies on Thursday before gusty west to southwest winds develop behind the activity
- Afternoon scattered to widespread wet thunderstorms will continue across the Four Corners today as monsoonal moisture limits fire potential before a shifting upper-level ridge confines the greatest storm coverage to the Southwest, eastern Great Basin, and central Rockies on Thursday and Friday
- Hot and predominantly dry conditions will persist across much of California and the northern Great Plains today, while cooler and mostly dry weather prevails across the Great Lakes and Northeast until a cold front increases the threat of lightning and gusty winds in Minnesota on Friday
- Tropical Storm Bertha will continue to bring showers and thunderstorms to the northern Gulf Coast, making landfall late today, while southern Florida and deep south Texas remain mostly hot and dry with isolated thunderstorms returning to southern Florida by Friday
- Strong southwest winds of 25–35 mph will continue across eastern South Carolina today with temperatures in the 90s, and hot, breezy conditions will persist tomorrow

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Breezy southwest to west winds Saturday for the northwestern U.S. for high-risk significant fire potential which may continue into Sunday
- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry lightning is possible for Montana Saturday, and additional lightning is expected for potential new ignitions in Minnesota, as well
- Hot, well above normal temperatures from the Intermountain West to the Plains, with the most consistent heat expected in the southern Plains
- Widespread record-setting temperatures 100–110°F are likely in the southern Plains next week rapidly drying fuels amid low RH in the teens, with hot and dry conditions also expected in the Lower Mississippi Valley



Strategic Analytics Report (Rick Stratton)

NW has the most exposures to high values followed by RM.

Focus on resources and logistics for the other GAs as they only have on incident.

Akawa Butte concern with surrounding densely populated areas.

Significant fire potential forecast for NW and MN over the next couple of days.

Over double the length of total active fire perimeter than last week.

61 fires over 300 acres in size have completed fireline reporting to NIFS.

NW is showing low fireline with high effectiveness.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	3
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	54	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	19	2	
HELO TYPE1		0	
HELO TYPE2		0	
HELO TYPE3		0	
LARGE TRANS			Picking up 4 crews in AK, transporting to SLC today.
CIMT	24	5	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	66	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	130	1	
CREW TYPE 2	396		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	65	137	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	26	
RAPPELERS		100	
CATERERS	26	1	
SHOWERS	39	15	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	11
TANKER	1
HELO	1
AIR ATTACK	
IR	5
UAS	4
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	24 T1/T2IA, 4 camp crews
ENGINES	31
OVERHEAD	260 – (HEQB, SEC, SOF, TFLD, RADO, dispatch, engine strike team leader)
PENDING	430 – 12 T1/T2IA , 12 T2 crews, 8 helicopters, 250 overhead



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- Received statewide precipitation.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL3. Rock is priority with T3 IMT in SOPS. Biscar is priority in NOPS, critical need for crews and UAS. 3 emerging Cal Fire incidents.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- PL4, light IA. Critical need for RADO, INCM, crews, engines and pumps. Fire weather expected through the weekend. Both teams making good progress.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, moderate IA, prioritizing 4 large fires. Ohio was contained last night. Little Cottonwood was contained last night. Critical need for scoopers on Claremont.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, light IA. No needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL5, moderate success on larger fires. Akawa remains consistent concern as it moves toward Sisters, OR. OR State Fire Marshalls Office has stood up an additional ad hoc team. Critical need for overhead (span of control concerns), and medical resources. Expecting thunderstorms and wind.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, moderate IA, 4 emerging incidents. Working to right size incidents and reallocate surge resources. FAST Team inbriefed yesterday, mobilizing to Aspen Acres.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- No critical needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no issues or concerns.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- FL state team supplemented with other state resources. No resources mobilized through Northeast Compact to Canada, 1 crew mobilized to Canada from the Northwest Compact.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Smoke limiting aerially delivered firefighter use.

Jump 49 and 41 both remain down mechanical.

Working on replacement Leads/ASMs for NW.

25 UMODs committed.

8/29 NIROPS missions UTFd last night due to mechanical.

NASA will be launching stratus balloon over Aspen Acres.

WA DNR has a safety standdown from 10-11 today.

6 T1 crews available for the next 3 days followed by a dip in availability.

Continue to shift crews off large fires to staff emerging needs.

3 T2IA and 1 T2 crew flying down from AK to SLC today.

RIST supporting 34 incidents with 49 staff.

Need for coordination with Canada on frequencies, working on resolution.

Heavy cache to cache support, particularly in MN and NW.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4

Ontario at PL4, all other provinces at PL3 or lower.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

Recognition of Cramer incident (23 years) and Devil's Creek incident (5 years).

Uptick in minor burn injuries.

Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NW, NOPS, EA

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International Mobilization

Manifest was finalized this morning and submitted to Customs and Border Protection.

72 personnel will be in Boise Friday.

Mob Center has a good plan for buses and shuttles.

INLOs will be arriving today.

Coordination call will occur this evening between NICC and NW to discuss mobilization location.

Recommend blending international IMT with a CIMT for their first assignment.

Non-IMT resources will be operating independently.

Public Affairs

Robin Cole has been identified as the short-term liaison, virtually.

A long-term person has been identified who will attend in person.

Complex Incident Management Teams

RM requesting to fill RM Team 3 on Aspen Acres and RM Team 1 on Gold Mountain through internal rotation. -Support

SW Team 1 on Fishhook TOC to local unit on Saturday (Day 8).

CA Team 2 prepositioned in NW currently on day 4.

NW will hold CA Team 2 through Saturday based on current forecast. -Support

