

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 23, 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
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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:	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Mark Goeller, Jim Prevette, Megan Kephart, Harld Riggs, Jeremy Sullens, Chase Maness, Kristin Kirschner, Bea Day, Kristen Corkins, Penny States, Maj Fort, Marcus Medina, Col Little, Mike Henry, Gordy Sachs, Jose Munguia, Dave Underwood, Robin Cole, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Mike Theune, Mike Mattfeldt, Jim Wallmann, Ryan McCliment, International INLOs

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 24 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, moderate IA, 190 new starts, 70 uncontained large fires, 24 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, 478 crews, 1,161 engines, 128 helicopters, 21,171 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 17 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Biscar – CA Team 3, light fuels, active behavior, no intense perimeter heat, 65,000 acres, 42% contained.

Northwest: PL5, heavy IA, 60 confirmed new starts, 90+ smoke reports, 31 uncontained large fires, 14 CIMTs.

Border 2 – Timber, active behavior, 300+ acres, 0% contained.

Luna – Active behavior, timber, 94 acres.

Ptarmigan – Timber, active behavior, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – Active behavior, timber and brush, 4,000 acres, 4% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 85,300 acres, 3% contained.

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

Railroad – Burning in communities, light fuels, structures lost, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Ten Mile – Light fuels, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Akawa Butte – ODF Team 2, extreme behavior, 25,000 acres, 3% contained.

Brewer – ODF Team 3, managing Box Springs, active behavior, 33,000 acres, 5% contained.

Box Springs – ODF, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 32,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – 3 fires, NW Team 2, some fires burning actively, grass, evacuations, 150,000 acres, 26% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – 3 fires, NW Team 10, moderate behavior, 116,000 acres, 76% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Hagen and Horse Ridge, active behavior, timber and light fuels, 675 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, 9,000 acres, 0% contained.

Horse Ridge – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, 700 acres, 10% contained.

Salmon – NW Team 12, no perimeter growth, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 1,450 acres, 45% contained.

Olive Butte – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,000 acres, 35% contained.

Coyote – CA Team 1, managing Henry, moderate behavior, brush, evacuations, 17,400 acres, 25% contained.

Henry – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 18,000 acres, 10% contained.

Egypt – SA Team 2, managing Stone Creek, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 4,500 acres, 39% contained.

Cow Camp Complex – 2 fires, moderate behavior light fuels, 8,000 acres, 75% contained.

Powder River – SW Team 3, moderate behavior, grass, evacuations, 21,000 acres, 24% contained.

E Evans Creek Road – ODF Team 1, FL State Team 1 mobilizing, moderate behavior, timber, 15,700 acres, 33% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 29 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.



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Rock – Cal Fire, light fuels, active behavior, 11,600 acres, 15% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 5 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

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

Turner – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 681 acres, 82% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 23 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

BOD fire, 150 acres.

Southern Area: PL2, 16 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires.

Horse Island – SC, received light rain, moderate behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 40% contained.

Early Bird – Minimal behavior, southern rough, 413 acres, 0% contained.

550 acre light fuels fire in TX, 80% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, 19 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Keystone – Moderate behavior, T3 IMT, brush and timber, 3,000 acres, 2% contained.

Fuhr Gulch – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,650 acres, 20% contained.

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

Gold Mountain – RM Team 2, received precipitation, minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 38,000 acres, 24% contained.

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

Willow – CA Team 8, moderate behavior, brush, evacuations, 7,100 acres, 51% contained.

Fishhook – SW Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, received precipitation, 309 acres, 89% contained.

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

Camp – SA Team 1, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber, 4,400 acres, 23% contained.

Sioux – Moderate behavior, 12,300 acres, 17% contained.

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

Thumb – Moderate behavior, timber litter, evacuations, 16,800 acres, 58% contained.

Little Knife – NIMO Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, 4,900 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Ramona Beyuka)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Saturday)

- Isolated high-based thunderstorms move over Washington and the Northern Rockies today, and in eastern Montana and North Dakota on Saturday as gusty west to southwest winds develop over northern California and the Northwest behind the activity resulting in widespread high-risk significant fire potential, with many new large fires likely
- A shifting upper-level ridge will focus afternoon scattered to widespread wet thunderstorms over the central Rockies today, with isolated showers lingering across the central Idaho Mountains and southwestern Montana before storm coverage diminishes on Friday and Saturday.
- Very 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, continuing into the weekend
- Tropical Storm Bertha will make landfall along the central Texas coast late today, where strong winds, heavy rain and thunderstorms are likely south of the storm, while southern Florida and deep south Texas remain mostly hot and dry with isolated thunderstorms returning to southern Florida by Friday and again on Saturday
- Strong southwest winds of 25–35 mph across eastern South Carolina with temperatures in the 90s today and hot, breezy conditions will persist tomorrow

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Breezy/dry winds continue across portions of the northwestern U.S. Sunday and much of Minnesota creating elevated conditions and moderate to high-risk significant fire potential before winds decrease into midweek
- Breezy/dry southerly winds for much of the southern Plains amid hot temperatures early next week for elevated conditions and areas of moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- Extreme heat is likely for much of the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley next week, that will spread into much of the Intermountain West mid to late next week, with widespread temperatures above 100°F in the lower elevations
- Significant fire potential will increase significantly next week in response to the heat and dryness across much of the central and western U.S. except in the Southwest and Four Corners where monsoon moisture persists



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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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		13	
SEAT	54	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21		
HELO TYPE1	104	0	
HELO TYPE2	56	0	
HELO TYPE3	68	0	
LARGE TRANS			Transporting AK crews down to SLC today
CIMT	24	7	1 T3 IMT available nationally
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	62	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	125	1	
CREW TYPE 2	409		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	44	136	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	23	
RAPPELERS		108	
CATERERS	25	2	
SHOWERS	40	17	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	20
TANKER	
HELO	5
AIR ATTACK	
IR	13
UAS	2
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	1 T1, 4 camp crews
ENGINES	4
OVERHEAD	81 (DIVS, dispatch)
PENDING	320 – 10 T1/T2IA crews, 6 helicopters, 191 overhead



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, completing drawdown, AK Team is available. Single engine scoopers are available nationally, need a manager.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL3, light IA, all fires showed good progress. Critical need for engines.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- Light IA, large fires are doing well with containment objectives. Critical resources include RADO and INCM. FDNY T3 IMT will be available nationally on 7/25.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, light IA. No critical needs. Claremont saw good use of scoopers.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, light IA, concern with lightning and forecasted hot dry and windy conditions.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL5, 150 smoke reports across OR and WA. Expecting CIMT order on Little Giant, outflow winds. Ten Mile expecting T3 IMT. SA Team fires will go back to local unit, may stage CIMT. Critical need for overhead and aerial-delivered firefighters. Medical resource requests are getting filled.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, moderate IA, right sizing incidents. Revisiting PL on 7/24. No critical needs.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- No needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, light IA. T3 IMT has been committed, potential for another T3 available tomorrow.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

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USFS – Russ Long

- Cache needs to be at 100% production capacity to refurbish heavily-utilized equipment, monitoring the staffing and output.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- FMAG approved for Akawa Butte.

NASF – Greg Smith

- State to state resource requests continue for WA and OR.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Reassigning rotor-wing to areas of high need.

24 UMODs committed, 2 outstanding requests.

1 rappel ship acting as helitack-only in NW this morning.

Capability for IA SMKJ requests.

Dash 8 plus 12 SMKJ on their way down from AK.

2 jump ships down mechanical.

46 TFRs in place.

Filling multiple crew requests for NW, CA, RM, and EA.

NICC jet of crews was delayed from AK, flying to SLC today.

Additional jet load of crews coming from AK on 7/28, 1 IHC flying down commercially on 7/26.

Request to send command repeaters and remotes back to the radio shop via expedited shipping.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 894 active fires, 8.3 million acres burned.

British Columbia and Ontario at PL4.

5 crews from Mexico mobilizing to Ontario, 5 crews mobilizing to British Columbia.

CIFFC will be ordering an IMT from Mexico and potentially from Australia/New Zealand.

Public Affairs – Robin Cole

Working with NMAC on international and military mobilization.



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Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NW, NOPS, EA, NR, SA, RM, GB

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Complex Incident Management Teams

Bear Trap will request extension request for SA Team to allow for internal EA Team replacement. -Support

CA CIMT prepositioned in NW likely to be assigned to an emerging incident.

NW will not have an internal team available this week.

SA Team 2 likely to remain prepositioned in NW once released from Egypt.

Crews

Crew extension requests likely for T2 crews.

T2 crews cannot be extended if there are any available.

NASF will reach back out to OR and WA regarding the National Guard.

Crew extension requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Multiple crews mobilizing from AK.

Current crew distribution: NW 31%, NOPS/SOPS 32%, RM 10%, EA 10%, NR 8%

International

All presenters are set up.

Touching base with the INLOs regarding the training.

Discussing potential need for driving training.

USWFS photographer has been solidified.

