

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 24, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	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: Dave Williams	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ 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: Brian Achziger, Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, Seth Grimm, Bea Day, Penny States, Mike Mattfeldt, Col Little, David Lee, Shaun Jensen, Marcus Medina, Gordy Sachs, Mike Henry, Kristin Kirschner, Robin Cole, Ben Gannon, Jose Munguia, Jeff Lee, Ryan McCliment, International INLOs, John Cervantes, Megan Heffentrager, Shihming Huang, Trevor Pollock, Ricardo Reynoso, Dave Underwood, Maj Fort

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 25 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 185 new starts, 78 uncontained large fires, 26 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, 513 crews, 1,327 engines, 153 helicopters, 23,151 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 16 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Biscar – CA Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 69,000 acres, 68% contained.

Chute – Cal Fire, hardwood litter, active behavior, 163 acres, 15% contained.

Northwest: PL5, heavy IA, 67 new starts, dozens of smoke checks, 37 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs.

Border 2 – Active behavior, timber, 300+ acres, 0% contained.

Luna – 120 acres.

Ptarmigan – Active behavior, timber, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber, 7,600 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, active behavior, light fuels and timber, 104,000 acres, 3% contained.

Modrite – NR Team 3, active behavior, timber, 9,100 acres, 0% contained.

Railroad – Extreme behavior, burning in communities, evacuations, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Akawa Butte – ODF Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, 27,200 acres, 5% contained.

Numerous fires in Prineville and Warm Springs area.

Brewer – ODF Team 3, managing Box Springs, active behavior, evacuations, 32,700 acres, 5% contained.

Box Springs – Active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 33,700 acres, 0% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – NW Team 2, extreme behavior, grass and timber, 192,000 acres, 31% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – 4 fires, NW Team 10, active behavior, light fuels, 150,000 acres, 60% contained.

Shingle – Active behavior, timber, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Bench – Light fuels and timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 1,500 acres, 20% contained.

Beach Comb – Timber, 200 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Hagen and Horse Ridge, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 700 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, 20,000 acres, 0% contained.

Crowley – Light fuels, active behavior, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Stubble – 8,000 acres, 0% contained.

Crater – 300 acres, 0% contained.

Bald Mountain – 300 acres.

Big Grass – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 30,000 acres, 0% contained.

Ten Mile – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 5,000 acres, 5% contained.

E Evans Creek Road – ODF Team 1 TOC FL State Team 1 tomorrow, moderate behavior, timber litter, 15,700 acres, 38% contained.

Castle – Active behavior, timber, 400 acres.

South Ops: PL3, 27 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Fields – Light fuels, 1,100 acres, 40% contained.



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Rock – Cal Fire, active behavior, brush, 11,900 acres, 20% contained.

Creelman – Minimal behavior, brush, 347 acres, 90% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 11 new starts, several smoke reports, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, managing Turner, active behavior, timber, 1,100 acres, 0% contained.

Turner – Minimal behavior, grass, 681 acres, 82% contained.

Red Shale – Moderate behavior, timber, 300 acres, 0% contained.

600-acre grass fire in Treasure County that was a good catch.

Great Basin: PL3, 18 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Grandold – Active behavior, grass, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

Duncan – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, light IA, 9 uncontained large fires.

West Blue Crab – Moderate behavior, grass, 1,380 acres, 80% contained.

Brown Ditch – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 1,100 acres, 80% contained.

South FL continues to have daily IA.

Berger 50 – Moderate behavior, brush, 19,000 acres, 75% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, re-evaluating PL, 5 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 6 CIMTs.

Mt Carmel – 1,900 acres.

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

Gold Mountain – RM Team 2, RM Team 4 mobilizing, minimal behavior, light fuels, 38,000 acres, 27% contained.

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

Willow – CA Team 8, moderate behavior, received precipitation, brush, evacuations, 7,10 acres, 55% contained.

Fishhook – SW Team 1 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels, received precipitation, 309 acres, 94% contained.

Keystone – Moderate behavior, brush, 3,000 acres, 2% contained.

Fuhr Gulch – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 1,6500 acres, 40% contained.

Eastern Area: PL4, 4 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO Team.

Sioux – SA Team 1, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 12,400 acres, 27% contained.

Bear Trap- Moderate behavior, timber litter, 29,700 acres, 38% contained.

Camp – Moderate behavior, timber litter, 4,400 acres, 23% contained.

Thumb – Moderate behavior, timber litter, evacuations, 16,900 acres, 56% contained.

Chub – Minimal behavior, timber, 410 acres, 87% contained.

Little Knife – NIMO Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, 4,900 acres, 13% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

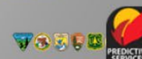
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- A significant increase in fire activity is expected in the northern half of the West due to increased winds that followed lightning earlier this week in the Northwest, while hot, dry, breezy conditions are expected in the northern Rockies with dry lightning forecast for eastern Montana
- Breezy conditions are expected in Minnesota today/tomorrow amid well above normal temperatures, with isolated to scattered thunderstorms tonight and Sunday for new ignitions as rainfall footprints will be small, with high-risk significant fire potential today and tomorrow
- Hot and dry conditions in California for drying fuels and gradually increasing potential, with drying into the central Great Basin this weekend
- Thunderstorms increase in south Georgia and Florida through the weekend with increased IA and high-risk significant fire potential through tomorrow before conditions begin to ease Sunday
- Hot temperatures will spread throughout the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley through the weekend with increasing potential and locally breezy winds in the southern Plains

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Elevated potential will continue in Minnesota through midweek due to very hot temperatures following the lightning Sunday night, although winds will be lighter after Monday
- Very hot temperatures and breezy winds on the southern Plains through at least midweek with moderate to high-risk significant fire potential, while potential increases in much of the Lower Mississippi Valley due to a heat wave next week as widespread temperatures 100+°F are expected
- Breezy west winds Monday and Tuesday in the northern Intermountain West for continued moderate to locally high-risk significant fire potential
- The monsoon continues in the Southwest and Four Corners, but will weaken mid to late next week with thunderstorms more isolated
- The heat will spread to much of the Intermountain West late next week into next weekend with low RH and poor overnight recovery creating long burn periods for much of California and the northern Intermountain West, with a breakdown in the ridge possible early the following week



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Expect a busy weekend in NW, northern Great Basin, and part of the Northern Rockies.

The NW will continue to experience high significant fire potential and activity.

Seasonal drought outlooks show lingering drought in the northeastern area of the country.

Fires are emerging in coastal Louisiana.

Difficult to extinguish fires in MN, coastal Atlantic, FL and GA.

Moving into August, all GACCs except AK are still in play with ongoing fire activity.

Northwest and Northern Rockies will see a dramatic increase in fire potential over the next 5 days.

Moderate increase of fire potential for California, Eastern Area, Southern Area and Great Basin.

Southwest and Rocky Mountain will maintain their fire potential trend for the next week.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	2
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		14	
SEAT	54	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	104	0	
HELO TYPE2	58	0	
HELO TYPE3	67	0	
LARGE TRANS			Picking up 4 crews from AK on 7/28.
CIMT	26	8	1 T3 IMT available nationally.
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	59	6	
CREW TYPE 2IA	125	1	
CREW TYPE 2	407		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	81	107	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	81		
RAPPELERS		111	
CATERERS	24	4	
SHOWERS	40	15	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	17
TANKER	
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	
IR	13
UAS	2
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	2
OVERHEAD	154 – (TFLD, HEQB, SEC)
PENDING	250 – 160 oc, 6 T1.T2IA crews, 6 T2 crews, 1 helicopter



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

- PL1, no needs or concerns.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL3, light IA. Both team fires showed increase in containment. Anticipating uptick in IA in northeast CA.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- PL4, light IA. Weather today could push some fires. Crews making good progress, inserted in the wilderness. FDNY long team and main state short team available 8/1.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, light IA, burned more than 3,000 acres, prioritizing 1 large fire. Several emerging incidents. Duncan currently 9,000 acres, big box is 100,000 acres, discussing team options. RLS Team being assembled on Claremont.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, active this morning from lighting, monitoring incoming weather. No needs.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL5, heavy IA continues, additional fires in many areas of OR. New fire in Hells Canyon from lightning. Existing CIMTs inheriting new large fires. SA Team 2 will continue with Egypt, Stone Creek, Stubble and Crater. NW Team 10 added Cottonwood and Ten Mile into management complex. Ptarmigan may request CIMT, 4 structures in the area are values at risk. Critical need for aviation support and crews.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL4, PL3 tomorrow. Releasing resources to support the national effort.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- NTR, no 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

- Elevated levels of concern with upcoming forecast and staffing level of some of the incidents.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- Little Giant in WA will impact private land by end of day. Several task forces assigned to IA. T3 IMT assigned to new incidents.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Busy day for rappel and smokejumpers yesterday.

Working through fixed-wing options to provide movement support for aerial-delivered firefighters.

Jump 41 down mechanical in Price.

1 T3 EU can be pulled down from AK.

24 UMODs committed, at capacity.

53 detection support requests today.

Continue to fill orders for NW, EA and CA.

Decline in crew availability on 7/25.

First jetload of crews from AK arrived in SLC yesterday, picking up gear in Boise today.

Second jetload of crews from AK arriving in Boise on 7/28.

1 IHC traveling down from AK on 7/26.

NIIC-D able to acquire frequencies from Canada.

Most caches have enough staffing, ensuring refurbishment is the focus.

Some caches looking to supplement with Job Corp crews.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC remains at PL4, 908 active fires.

British Columbia and Ontario are the focus each at PL4.

NMAC External Affairs – Robin Cole

Coordination call scheduled with NIFC's social media account representative.

News release draft completed for the international resource mobilization.

Robin creating a shared NMAC external affairs inbox for distributing information.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

First group of 11 personnel scheduled to arrive in Boise at 1305.

Draft itinerary for Sunday's inbriefing day is complete.

Request safety personnel SMEs.

Safety Management Plan will include briefings and supervisor discussions surrounding driving training.

Expect incident assignments for each position on Saturday evening.

Press Release

Sean will be listed as the NMAC POC for the shared FireNet inbox.

Robin will work establish someone on the ground Sunday to handle media requests.

Robin will make requested edits for international release and send back to NMAC for final review.

MAFFS

Consider relocating 2 MAFFS from SOPS closer to the NW.

2 tails in CA are not being housed together, once tail swap occurs, the 2 tails must be together.

Recommend moving the 2 tails from SOPS to Redding. -Support

Can move the 2 tails to RON on Sunday with support crew to follow.

Not tracking jurisdictional ownership of the lead planes.

Crews

Focusing on support to the NW and balancing what could be coming in other GAs.

Crew allocation by percentage: NW 32%, NOPS 19%, SOPS 16%, EA 11%

Consider GAs having a 2-crew quick strike team to mobilize to emerging incidents.

Complex Incident Management Teams

No decision day fires until 7/25 for Upper Smith.

Potential CIMT request for Duncan, re-task GB Team 3 from Claremont. -Support

Monitor Akawa Butte and Box Springs for replacement needs.

Paradise will need a replacement CIMT.

Potential for Ptarmigan CIMT needs.

Current national rotation GB, SW, AK.

6 out of region T3 IMTs committed in NW, 2 additional requests pending.

NW has no CIMTs available and no teams on preposition.

