

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 25, 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	David Lee	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: Brian Achziger	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☒ California: John Goss	☐ Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren
☒ 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: Jesse Bender
☒ 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: Dan Staab
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Mark Goeller, Harold Riggs, Seth Grimm, Jeremy Sullens, Beau Dobberstein, Maj Fort, David Lee, Bea Day, Ryan McCliment, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, Col Little, Trevor Pollock, Marcus Medina, Kristin Kirschner, Jason Bruce, John Cervantes, Robin Cole, John Mckee, Ricardo Reynoso, Bryan Stamps, Casey Teske, Dave Underwood

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, 26 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, moderate IA, 190 new starts, 88 uncontained large fires, 28 CIMTs, 2 NIMO Teams, 4 MAFFS, 23,065 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 14 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Biscar – Has not moved for several days, CA Team 3, light fuels, minimal behavior, evacuations, 69,300 acres, 68% contained.

Chute – Active behavior, timber litter, evacuations, 163 acres, 30% contained.

Northwest: PL5, heavy IA, 50 new starts, 49 uncontained large fires, 16 CIMTs.

Border 2 – Active behavior, timber, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Luna – Active behavior, timber, 111 acres, 0% contained.

Ptarmigan – Extreme behavior, timber, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber, 18,000 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 112,000 acres, 13% contained.

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

Railroad – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 5,700 acres, 0% contained.

Signal Peak – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – Active behavior, timber, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Eight Mile – ODF, timber, 300 acres.

Akawa Butte – ODF Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 26,500 acres, 5% contained.

Bench – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Beachcomb – Extreme behavior, timber and grass, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – NW Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 200,000 acres, 31% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – 5 fires, NW Team 10, active behavior, light fuels, 165,000 acres, 45% contained.

Shingle – GB Team 5 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber, 12,000 acres, 0% contained.

Green Mountain – Extreme behavior, timber, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Coyote – CA Team 1, managing Henry, moderate behavior, brush and timber, 17,500 acres, 45% contained.

Egypt – SA Team 2, managing other incidents, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 4,500 acres, 72% contained.

Crater – Active behavior, light fuels, 700 acres, 0% contained.

Second Flat – Extreme behavior, timber, 6,000 acres, 0% contained.

Stubble – Active behavior, light fuels, 10,200 acres, 0% contained.

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

Bald Mountain – Active behavior, light fuels, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Hat – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 7,000 acres, 0% contained.

Big Grass – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 50,000 acres, 5% contained.

Powder River – SW Team 3, managing Fox, minimal behavior, grass, evacuations, 21,000 acres, 52% contained.

Fox – Extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.



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E Evans Creek Road – ODF Team 1, FL State Team 1 mobilizing, moderate behavior, timber, 15,700 acres, 46% contained.

Castle – Active behavior, merged with Magnum, timber, 700 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 20 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires,

Cinder Complex – 2,000 acres.

Rock – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 11,900 acres, 30% contained.

Fields – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 1,200 acres, 40% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 12 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, active behavior, timber, 1,200 acres, 15% contained.

Turner –

Cascade – Nez Perce, timber, 300 acres.

Several fires in the Bitterroot, mobilizing smokejumpers this morning.

Great Basin: PL3, moderate IA, 29 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Tartar – Light fuels and timber, active behavior, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Hopper – Light fuels and juniper, active behavior, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Beck – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,500 acres, 25% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 11 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires.

Buie Driggers Road – Extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 450 acres, 0% contained.

Horse Island – Minimal behavior, southern rough, 1,000 acres, 50% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 18 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – NR Team 6, RM Team 3 mobilizing, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, evacuations, 101,700 acres, 61% contained.

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

Gold Mountain – RM Team 2 TOC RM Team 1 tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 38,000 acres, 27% contained.

Willow – CA Team 8, moderate behavior, received precipitation, brush, 7,100 acres, 58% contained.

Fishhook – SW Team 1 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, received precipitation, 309 acres, 97% contained.

Mt Carmel – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 1,900 acres, 0% contained.

Eastern Area: PL4, 5 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, all incidents received precipitation, 1 CIMT, 2 NIMO Teams.

Sioux – SA Team 1, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, evacuations, 12,668 acres, 27% contained.

Little Knife – NIMO Team 3, NIMO Team 3 mobilizing, minimal behavior, timber, 4,900 acres, 21% contained.



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Predictive Services Update National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

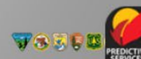
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Monday)

- A historic day of fire activity is expected today in the Inland Northwest as strong/dry westerly winds gusting to 45 mph with minimum RH as low as 5% affects the dozens of large fires, and new fires may emerge, as well
- Breezy west winds will also occur from northeast California to the northern Great Basin and northern Rockies near/west of the Divide with widespread moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- High-risk significant fire potential in eastern Montana to the western Dakotas as isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms amid very hot temperatures will result in many ignitions and a few large fires
- Breezy/dry conditions continue into Sunday and Monday for much of the northern half of the West, but winds will be lighter than today and temperatures cool slightly, but lead to much drier conditions in eastern Nevada and western Utah by early next week
- Thunderstorms increase in south Georgia and Florida today with increased IA and high-risk significant fire potential before conditions begin to ease Sunday into Monday when more rainfall is expected, with the threat for Minnesota reduced today due to last night's precipitation
- 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 (Tuesday through next Monday)

- Elevated potential will continue in Minnesota into Wisconsin 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 Tuesday in the northern Intermountain West for continued widespread moderate 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, and a breakdown in the ridge is likely beginning Sunday in the northern half of the West



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	2
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	57	2	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21		
HELO TYPE1	107	0	
HELO TYPE2	59	0	
HELO TYPE3	67	0	
LARGE TRANS			Picking up 4 crews from AK, bringing to Boise.
CIMT	28	7	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	64	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	117	0	
CREW TYPE 2	415		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	127	90	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	19	
RAPPELERS	69	79	
CATERERS	24	5	
SHOWERS	42	16	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	5
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	1 T1/T2IA
ENGINES	6
OVERHEAD	107 – (TFLD, RADO, HEQB)
PENDING	264 – 240 oh, 10 T1/T2IA crews, 9 helicopters



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

- PL1, no issues or concerns. Dry and warming trend next week.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL3, SOPS is one large incident away from PL4. Biscar increased containment. NOPS anticipating Red Flag Warning. 1 LAT out of service in SOPS.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Seth Grimm

- PL4, all ongoing incidents have received precipitation. No needs.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, moderate IA, 4,000 acres of IA. Jumped out of smokejumpers early. 3 new and emerging incidents. Concern for Tartar location. Houston in heavy timber, does not yet meet large fire criteria. Critical need for T1 and T2IA crews.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, moderate to heavy IA, likely to be out of rappellers and smokejumpers early today. Monitoring incoming weather.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Several significant fires across the GA, several jumps in containment. 4 CIMT requests were placed last night. Ptarmigan pending CIMT order was diverted to a higher priority incident. SA Team has taken over Burns area but will likely request an additional team. Critical need for aerial supervision, overhead and crews.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, light IA. Allocating critical resources within the GA. May be standing down UCR, Airtanker Base grand opening cancelled for Tuesday.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

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Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no issues or concerns.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- Supporting NW with AAs and DOs. Supporting the RM with recent fatality.

USFS – Russ Long

- Prioritize resource needs, GAs not likely to get all wanted resources. Full military battalion available, activated 10 days from RFA.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- Will check in with WA and OR regarding National Guard status.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Rappel ships and smokejumpers flying in the NW.

80 rappellers on 16 ships available.

133 smokejumpers committed.

Jump 41 in Price remains down mechanical.

AFS released a couple of rotor-wing that will mobilizing to lower 48.

One Blackhawk is being red-carded to be available.

Working to ensure 2 MAFFS tails are ready to move from SOPS to Redding tomorrow.

22 UMODs committed, outstanding orders in NW.

57 active TFRs.

Filling crew orders to NW, CA, and GB.

Dip in crew availability today, increase in availability on 7/26 and 7/27.

Crews from AK traveling from Boise to NW today.

Uptick in RIST orders, particularly with T3 IMTs.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

PL4, 927 active fires.

External Affairs – Robin Cole

Working to establish a dedicated shared inbox.

Put together a list of all media contacts.

NIFC External Affairs will update the website and social media accounts as well as send out the international release.

NMAC information releases will be approved by NMAC and reviewed by interagency Communications personnel prior to distribution.

No external affairs personnel available to take pictures or videos during the orientation.

Brian Reublinger is available to take pictures tomorrow.

Chuck will be available tomorrow for all NMAC questions.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

All resources are in Boise and accounted for.

Building kits and prepping for tomorrow.

Final draft of training agenda is available for review.

International resource mobilization location must be decided on today for tomorrow's specific briefing.

Brooke Deck is in place in the NW.

NMAC members will help identify functional presenters tomorrow.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Expect 4 CIMT orders from the NW.

Significant CIMT cliff and replacement request upcoming in the NW on 8/2.

Current national rotation: SW, AK, CA.

65% of all CIMTs are committed.

8 CIMTs will be on R&R at the decision point for incidents in a couple of days.

Consider how many CIMTs can extend on their current assignment.

Consider how many CIMTs can come available early from R&R days.

Monitor early-upping CIMTs so personnel have adequate days off.

3 CIMTs have not had an assignment.

All Associates should discuss internal team rotations, early upping off 7 days of unavailability, team extensions, team staggering, etc. with their GA CIMTs, Coordinating Groups, and Coordinators.

Revisit 7/26.

Aerial Supervision

Potential availability to surge for the next couple of days in NW.

Fixed-wing Coordinators are pulling and tracking all day.

Monitoring 36:6 flight time.

RM is shifting a HELCO and 1 platform to the NW and releasing one in SW.

Recommend placing all orders for fill and/or tracking.

CA is showing 10 air attacks, NW is showing 8.

On preliminary data, NW has 15 (may count state), NR 8, RM 10 air attacks, CA has 10.

Upcoming concern for aerial supervision and fixed-wing will be smoke.

Crews

Crews prioritized to NW, pivoting resources to emerging incidents.

Upon catching IA, crews should be shifted to higher priority incidents.

Based on the percentage data, CA and NW appear to have the same number of crews.

EA may be able to replace T1/T2IA crews with T2 crews as they continue to make progress.

Military

Decision should be made regarding whether the National Guard will be activated.

NASF continues to have daily discussion surrounding activation.

