

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 26, 2026

1700-1730

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Megan Kephart	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	Erica Lamb	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

☒ Chair: Chuck Russell	☒ Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Chuck Russell	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Megan Kephart	☒ 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: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☐ External Affairs: Rebecca Paterson	☐ 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:	☐ Smokejumper:
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, George Geissler, Harold Riggs, Richard Parrish, Tyler Anderson, Maj Fort, Josh Acosta

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 28 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL5

Northwest:

Scattered IA in WA.

South Ops:

Dove – 50 acres.

Mine – 50 acres.

Northern Rockies:

Alice – Brush and grass, 100-200 acres.

Great Basin:

NV has had 4 initial attack fires this afternoon.

Chimney – 3,000 acres.

Secret Pass – 1,000 acres. Concerning that this incident has been active with monsoonal moisture.

New Pass – 300-500 acres.

Quail Springs – Light fuels, 3,000 acres.

Rocky Mountain:

Increased IA in Colorado.

Buffalo – WY, county, 200 acres.

Long Draw – County, 250-300 acres, brush and timber, flew airtankers.



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

- No issues or concerns.

California – Jay Kurth

- Dove is main concern due to field office proximity.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- N/A

Great Basin – John Foley

- Quail Springs is in a sensitive area, could be an internal resource suck. MAFFS would be the easiest air resource to send as they are already cleared. Resources pulled off Peer due to runs by Big Grass.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Picked up a few new starts. May submit NR Team 1 extension request on Upper Smith to branch and cover Elder 1. Planning to get both incidents down to T3.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Sinlahekin is standing up, could be problematic.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- NTR

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- N/A

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- N/A



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- Over next 24-36 hours, WA and OR will be meeting with their Governor's to discuss National Guard mobilization and options if National Guard is not mobilized. Contract crews are not depleted in OR or WA.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Working to move 2 scoopers from EA to NW.

Moving rappel platform out of EA.

Lead plane has been assigned to MAFFS tails in Redding.

88 T2 crew requests in the NICC, 10 have been filled. Many others can be filled if DTN is pushed out one day.



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Admin Topics

Complex Incident Management Teams

CA Team 2 extension request for 7 days on Little Giant to take to T3. Last working day updated to 8/8. -Support

CA Team 5 will take command of Big Grass.

Brian will be discussing team recommendations and movements with PNWCG.

CA Team 3 ordered to Castle, will shadow and support the international IMT as needed.

A contingent of CA Team 3 will begin mobilizing today, the remainder of the team will mobilize from Biscar to Castle on 7/28.

US Embassies requesting information and press releases as they are distributed.

AK will arrive in Sacramento DTN 7/28 at 2000.

NIMO Team available Sunday, 8/1.

Military

Hold on RFA.

Beale and Stu will be meeting with command staff at JBLM tomorrow.

Mobilization time from RFA will be up to 14 days.

Greg Smith will reach out to the states in the morning.

Revisit in 24-36 hours.

