

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 27, 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: Chuck Russell	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☒ California: John Goss	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Miller
☒ 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: Perry Breitenstein	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ 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: Chief Fennessy, Brian Achziger, Mark Goeller, Harold Riggs, Grant Beebe, Jim Prevette, Jeremy Sullens, Penny States, Trevor Pollock, Mike Mattfeldt, Maj Fort, Col Little, Josh Acosta, David Lee, Jason Bruce, Beale Monday, Jon Cervantes, Col Lutz, Robin Cole, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, John McKee, Marcus Medina, Brant Porter, Ricardo Reynoso, Dave Underwood, Court Wallace, Ryan McCliment, NASA Wildland Fire Program, Australia INLO

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 28 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, moderate IA, 200 new starts, 95 uncontained large fires, 26 CIMTs, 2 NIMO Teams, 1 Australian IMT, 59 international personnel, 4 MAFFS, 569 crews, 1,534 engines, 158 helicopters, 26,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 15 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Biscar – Minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 69,300 acres, 97% contained.

Chute – Cal Fire, minimal behavior, hardwood litter, evacuations, 163 acres, 80% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 10 new starts, 51 uncontained large fires, 18 CIMTs.

Sinlahekin – WA DNR, timber, extreme behavior, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 124,000 acres, 9% contained.

Bradeen Hill – NR Team 3, WA DNR, light fuels and timber, active behavior, evacuations, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

Ptarmigan – Timber, active behavior, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2, managing Dirty Face, active behavior, timber, 22,300 acres, 0% contained.

White Swan – Yakima Agency, structures lost, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Signal Peak - Yakima Agency, light fuels, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Pearl Hill – Active behavior, light fuels, 8,500 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 9,500 acres, 0% contained.

Bench – SW Team 4, merged with Beachcomb, extreme behavior, light fuels, 20,180 acres, 0% contained.

Beachcomb – Extreme behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 13,600 acres, 0% contained.

Akawa Butte – Extreme behavior, timber, 27,000 acres, 5% contained.

Brewer – ODF Team 3, merged with Green Mountain, extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 51,300 acres, 5% contained.

Green Mountain – Extreme behavior, timber, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – NW Team 2, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 180,000 acres, 31% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – NW Team 10, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 187,000 acres, 60% contained.

Shingle – GB Team 5 mobilizing, extreme behavior, evacuations, timber, 60,000 acres, 0% contained.

Second Flat – SA Team 2, managing several additional fires, extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 85,000 acres, 5% contained.

Stubble – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 15,600 acres, 80% contained.

Jackass Butte – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 18,500 acres, 30% contained.

Bald Mountain – Active behavior, light fuels, 32,000 acres, 1% contained.

Hat – CA Team 5, extreme behavior, light fuels, 42,700 acres, 35% contained.

Coleman Creek – Light fuels and timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 132,000 acres, 0% contained.



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Fox – SW Team 3, community threatened, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 50,000 acres, 0% contained.

Bob Creek – Timber and brush, active behavior, 650 acres, 0% contained.

Anthony – NW Team 13, active behavior, 2,550 acres, 89% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 3, managing Hagen and Horse Ridge, moderate behavior, timber, 740 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, 27,000 acres, 0% contained.

Burnt Creek – Active behavior, 3,100 acres, 0% contained.

Big Grass – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 300,000 acres, 0% contained.

E Evans Creek Road – ODF Team 1 TOC FL State Team 1 today, moderate behavior, timber litter, 15,580 acres, 66% contained.

Castle – CA Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 1,400 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 26 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Dove – 250 acres, evacuations, FMAG approved.

Cinder Complex – 2 fires, Cal Fire, moderate behavior, light fuels, 2,800 acres, 35% contained.

Rock – Cal Fires, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 12,000 acres, 56% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 20 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 1,500 acres, 15% contained.

Elder 1 – Active behavior, timber, 320 acres, 0% contained.

North Fork – Timber, 120 acres.

Moose – Timber, 100 acres.

Silvertip – Timber, active behavior, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Twin Sisters – Timber, 100+ acres.

Wrench Creek – Timber, 100 acres.

Alice – Active behavior, grass and timber, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 27 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Tartar – GB Team 3 mobilizing, light fuels and timber, active behavior, 10,000 acres, 10% contained.

Peer – BOD, moderate behavior, light fuels, 1,000 acres, 50% contained.

Scorp – BOD, moderate behavior, light fuels, 4,700 acres, 75% contained.

Gaston – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,600 acres, 50% contained.

Salmon Challis has 100-acre fire in Grass Creek Mountains.

Secret Pass – Light fuels and timber, extreme behavior, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Cornin – Timber and light fuels, moderate behavior, 100 acres, 0% contained.

Chimney – Active behavior, light fuels, 12,000 acres, 0% contained.

New Pass – Light fuels, active behavior, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Quail Springs – Extreme behavior, timber, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, light IA, 21 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Horse Island – Minimal behavior, received precipitation, southern rough, 1,000 acres, 60% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, moderate IA, 29 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.



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Aspen Acres – NR Team 6 TOC RM Team 3, minimal behavior, timber, 101,900 acres, 64% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 38,000 acres, 37% contained.

Elk – NW Team 8, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 2,300 acres, 11% contained.

Willow – Minimal behavior, received precipitation, brush, 7,200 acres, 62% contained.

SR Buffalo – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

Unnamed – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,000 acres.

Eastern Area: PL4, no issues with ongoing large fires, light IA, 1 CIMT, 2 NIMO Teams.

Camp – SA Team 1, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, hardwood litter, received precipitation, evacuations, 4,400 acres, 39% contained.

Little Knife – NIOM Team 3 TOC NIMO Team 1 today, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 4,900 acres, 49% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 21 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Island – Light fuels, active behavior, evacuations, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

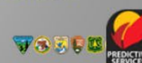
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Wednesday)

- Locally breezy west winds will occur today and tomorrow from northeast California and the Inland Northwest to the northern/central Great Basin and northern Rockies near/west of the Divide with widespread moderate to local high-risk significant fire potential, although eastern Oregon to Montana may see lighter winds than expected due to significant smoke
- Hot, dry, and breezy conditions on the southern High Plains for high-risk significant fire potential as a significant increase in IA is expected
- High-risk significant fire potential due to lightning from thunderstorms last night in northern Wisconsin which is likely to be an increase in IA
- The monsoon will gradually become weaker in the Southwest, with the best chance of wet thunderstorms in Colorado east of the Divide to the central Plains
- Hot temperatures will spread throughout the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley into midweek with increasing potential mainly in the form of increased IA
- Florida will have improved conditions early this week due to increased precipitation, but slow drying emerges in the rest of the Southeast

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Very hot temperatures and breezy winds on the southern Plains into Friday with moderate to high-risk significant fire potential, while moderate potential continues in the Lower Mississippi Valley as the heat wave weakens but isolated thunderstorms may result in new ignitions
- Above normal temperatures for much of the West into Saturday with a weakening monsoon and extremely hot temperatures 105-120°F in southern California, southern Great Basin, and the Southwest resulting in increasing significant fire potential this weekend into next week
- A breakdown in the ridge is expected this weekend in the northern half of the West, with breezy to strong westerly winds and moderate to high-risk significant fire potential, which may be preceded by more dry lightning late this week in the northern Rockies
- Low to moderate potential in the Great Lakes as a result of increasing precipitation late this week, but a brief increase in IA is possible Thursday



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	2
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT		57	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		21	
HELO TYPE1	115	0	
HELO TYPE2	65	0	
HELO TYPE3	72	0	
LARGE TRANS			Picking up crews from AK tomorrow.
CIMT	26	1	0 T3 IMTs available.
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	65	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	117	0	
CREW TYPE 2	423	0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	204	59	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	15	
RAPPELERS		72	
CATERERS	25	4	
SHOWERS	40	12	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	47
TANKER	15
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	7
IR	2
UAS	1
SCOOPER	10
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	10 T1/T2IA, 18 T2, 9 camp
ENGINES	2
OVERHEAD	252 – HEQB, TFLD, SOF, DIVS, dispatch, FALB, HECM
PENDING	209 oh, 21 T1/T2IA, 40 T2 crews, 25 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- T2 contract crews are breakdown capable for SMODs. Experiencing drying trend.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL3, moderate IA in SOPS. Dove has line around it, should come off the board shortly. Critical resource needs are being met.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- Received light rain, anticipating PL3 at 0600 on 7/28. Concern that SA Team and all associated resources will be timing out concurrently.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, moderate IA, prioritizing 8 large fires, 3 should be contained by end of shift. 5 new and emerging incidents. Critical need for T1/T2IA crews, 1 air attack, LATs, HELCO for Tartar. Feedback for PDS includes concern for timeframe.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, moderate IA, continue to pick up new fires. Local T3 IMT mobilized to Moose, extension request for NR Team 1. Expecting increase in crew orders this week with the lightning forecast.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Close to 400,000 acres of growth on large fires, focus on point protection. Sinlahekin will remain at T3. Akawa Butte reported line is nearly complete, if it holds they will submit team extension. Independent action of private incidents across the GA caused many challenges for resources. Feedback for PDS includes the ability to meet timeline. Critical need includes heavy equipment and TFLD.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, moderate IA in WY and SD. No concerns other than continued activity in the GA. PDS feedback received, timeframe is difficult to meet, request centralizing through NWS.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Field units across 15 states and Puerto Rico, 21 days for the PDS would be a heavy ask. Request ask is filtered down to field unit tasks.



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Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- PL2, continue to monitor activity.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- 47 fires were analyzed, even if caught there will still be 25 heavy impact fires on the landscape. Monitor CIMTs and workload balance as high levels of activity continue.

USFS – Russ Long

- International orientation went well yesterday, all resources are mobilizing to fires. 8 GAs currently in play, exceptional activity in several. Continue to encourage personnel to strategically assign resources for highest efficiency.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- 2 FMAGs mobilized on Ransier and Dove.

NASF – Greg Smith

- WY, SD, and MT all experiencing uptick in activity.



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NMAC Operations Report Out

Busy 24 hours for smokejumpers and rappellers.

82 rappellers out on incidents.

1 ship is down, 1 returning from EA.

Several smokejumper bases were jumped out this morning, may reposition some units to avoid smoke.

Several leads and ASMs timing out in the NW.

2 single engine scoopers in AK, working on managers to be able to utilize those.

3 DC10s will go to 7-day staffing, working on time.

Closely monitoring 36:6.

31 total UAS mobilized, no further capacity.

65 TFRs in place.

IAA currently at full capacity.

2 MAFFS currently in place in Redding, tail swap will occur Wednesday.

Moving crews into GB, monitoring NR for needs.

Increased crew availability and surge capacity daily.

NW, GB, and NR maintaining internal crews for capacity.

Chena arrived in Boise, will be available 7/28.

Uptick in RIST support requests, 100+ requests for 50 incidents.

Cache remains extremely busy.

NMAC Ops will work on air attack coverage recommendation for GB.

Working on backfilling 2 scoopers that were moved out of EA.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 907 active fires.

100 firefighters mobilizing from Mexico to Canada.

IMTs and personnel mobilizing to Canada from Australia.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Robin Cole

Working on release regarding the international orientation for NMAC review.

Robin will send to Kari and Witne for review.

NMAC External Affairs Firenet shared inbox has been created.

Sean will have ownership of the inbox account.

Robin will provide recommended SOP for shared inbox for review.



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Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Complex Incident Management Teams

Upper Smith requesting extension for NR Team 1, also managing Elder 1.

Plan for Elder 1 to transition back to lower complexity after.

Rowe Creek Complex requesting 1 day extension for NW Team 2.

Allows ODF Team to transition Brewer at the same time.

CIMT replacement request for Rowe Creek Complex (top priority for replacement).

Paradise will request replacement CIMT.

Anticipate CIMT replacement requests from Kaiser Canyon and Anthony.

Uncertain if Modrite, Powder River or Egypt will be requesting CIMT replacements.

SW Team 2 available, AK Team 2 mobilizing on prepo.

2 CIMTs coming available in the next two days.

1 CIMT available on Thursday.

3 CIMTs available on Friday, current teams would need to be extended.

Potential for 8-9 additional CIMTs between 8/7 and 8/8 if CIMTs with 1 assignment take 4 days of unavailability.

Ebert will follow up on Modrite needs.

E Evans Creek Road will likely release FL State Team 1 prior to reaching 14 days.

Egypt and Stone will likely be returned to the local unit.

Recommend approving NR Team 1 extension request on Upper Smith. -Support

Recommend approving NW Team 2 extension request on Rowe Creek. -Support

Recommend filling replacement CIMT request for Rowe Creek with SW Team 2. -Support

If an emerging incident needs a team between now and Rowe Complex DTN, SW Team 2 would be diverted.

Consider removing CIMTs that have been committed to minimally active incidents for reassignment.

NASF working on state team availability.

GB Team 7 is unable to come up early.

John will report back on GB Team 2 and GB Team 4 availability.

