

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 28, 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
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NMAC Operations Report Out	LJ Brown	Information
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Administration	Sean Peterson	Information
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Attendees:

☒ Chair: Chuck Russell	☒ Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Chuck Russell	☒ USFS: Josh Acosta	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Goldman
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Harold Riggs
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Perry Breitenstein	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: LJ Brown	☒ 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:	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: George Geissler, Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, David Lee, Col Little, Maj Fort, Karis Collet, Ryan McCliment, Jason Bruce, Megan Heffentrager, John Cervantes, Ben Gannon, Mike Henry, Shihming Huang, Shaun Jensen, Mike Krupski, Marcus Medina, Jason Miller, Steve Miller, Seth Morphis, Brant Porter, Penny States, Dave Underwood, Wade Clack, Jose Munguia, INLO, NASA guests, Trevor Pollock

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 28 July 2026, 1700-1800



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, light IA, 119 new starts, 92 uncontained large fires, 25 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, Australian IMT, 62 AUS/New Zealand personnel, 558 crews, 1,525 engines, 25,244 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 12 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

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

Chute – Minimal behavior, litter, evacuations, 163 acres, 90% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 17 new starts, 48 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs.

Border 2 – Active behavior, timber, 1,425 acres, 0% contained.

Ptarmigan – Active behavior, timber and brush, 11,000 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2, extreme behavior, timber and brush, 25,000 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 126,000 acres, 16% contained.

Sinlahekin – Extreme behavior, timber and grass, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Modrite – NR Team 3, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 10,200 acres, 63% contained.

Bradeen Hill – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Ransier – Active behavior, light fuels, 900 acres, 50% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 13,600 acres, 0% contained.

Bench – SW Team 4, merged with Beachcomb, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 45,000 acres, 0% contained.

Akawa Butte – Moderate behavior, timber, 27,300 acres, 6% contained.

Brewer – ODF Team 3, timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 85,000 acres, 10% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – 2 fires, NW Team 2, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 215,000 acres, 36% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – NW Team 10, minimal behavior, light fuels, 193,000 acres, 90% contained.

Shingle – GB Team 5, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 63,250 acres, 6% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Hagen and Horse Ridge, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 760 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 30,000 acres, 0% contained.

Anthony – NW Team 13, managing Burnt Creek, active behavior, 2,500 acres, 89% contained.

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

Bob Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, 830 acres, 0% contained.

Fox – SW Team 3, active behavior, light fuels, 56,000 acres, 0% contained.

Big Grass – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 300,000 acres, 5% contained.

Coleman Creek – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 150,000 acres, 0% contained.

Second Flat – CA Team 4, managing Coleman Creek, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 91,500 acres, 5% contained.

Jackass Butte – SA Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, 22,130 acres, 22% contained.

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

Stubble – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 15,600 acres, 87% contained.

Crater – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 745 acres, 93% contained.



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Hat – CA Team 5, managing Big Grass, active behavior, light fuels, 42,450 acres, 40% contained.

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

Castle – CA Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, light IA, 17 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Fish – Light fuels, active behavior, 3,500 acres, 10% contained.

Cinder Complex – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 3,700 acres, 39% contained.

Rock – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 12,000 acres, 62% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 20 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, managing Elder 1, moderate behavior, timber, 1,570 acres, 15% contained.

Elder 1 – Active behavior, timber, 500 acres, 0% contained.

North Fork Lost Horse – Minimal behavior, timber, 105 acres, 0% contained.

Moose – Timber, 100 acres.

Silvertip – Active behavior, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Moore Road – 500 acres.

Great Basin: PL3, 17 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Widemouth 2 – Brush, 500+ acres, 0% contained.

Quail Springs – Active behavior, timber, 11,000 acres, 0% contained.

Chimney – Active behavior, light fuels, 21,000 acres, 0% contained.

Secret Pass – Active behavior, timber, 3,200 acres, 0% contained.

New Pass - Active behavior, light fuels, 9,000 acres, 0% contained.

Tartar – GB Team 3, active behavior, light fuels, 12,168 acres, 15% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 16 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires.

Horse Island – Minimal behavior, southern rough, received precipitation, 1,000 acres, 75% contained.

Torch Tree – Minimal behavior, brush, 365 acres, 90% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 20 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMENTs.

Aspen Acres – RM Team 3, minimal behavior, timber, 101,900 acres, 66% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels, 39,500 acres, 50% contained.

Elk – NW Team 8, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 2,300 acres, 37% contained.

Willow – Minimal behavior, brush, received precipitation, 7,100 acres, 52% contained.

Long Draw – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, 430 acres, 10% contained.

Eastern Area: PL3, 2 new starts, received precipitation on all fires, 1 CIMENT, 1 NIMO Team.

Southwest: PL2, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires.

Rayado Mesa – Light fuels and timber, active behavior, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Island – Moderate behavior, brush, 3,200 acres, 15% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- Locally breezy west winds will occur today from northeast California and the Inland Northwest to the northern/central Great Basin and northern Rockies near/west of the Divide with widespread moderate 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 through tomorrow as a significant increase in IA is expected
- The monsoon will gradually become weaker in the Southwest and central Rockies, with the best chance of wet thunderstorms in Colorado east of the Divide to the central Plains, and IA will continue to slowly increase
- The lightning threat for the northern U.S. is less Thursday, with isolated thunderstorms most likely in western Montana
- Increased winds in Puerto Rico Thursday will result in high-risk significant fire potential, while South Florida will remain mostly dry this week, while the Lower Mississippi Valley remains hot with isolated thunderstorms

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- 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 and high-risk in portions of southern California this weekend
- Very strong winds are expected this weekend in the Inland Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies for widespread critical conditions and many areas of high-risk significant fire potential
- Very hot and dry conditions are expected in California to the Great Basin, central Rockies, and Southwest early next week, with increasing significant fire potential
- Moderate potential is likely to persist on the southern Plains due to dry conditions as well as south Florida



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

ERCs understate fire potential in Greater Northwest.

Waning monsoon, high heat under ridge and anticipated ridge breakdown will keep fire danger elevated across the West.

Anticipating another escalation in fire activity in the coming 7-day period, as critically dry fuels worsen under above normal temperatures, followed by significant winds.

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory issued by NW on 7/14 has been reissued.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		38	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	115	0	
HELO TYPE2	65	0	
HELO TYPE3	71	0	
LARGE TRANS			Picking up crews in AK to mobilize to Boise
CIMT	27	1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	69	3	
CREW TYPE 2IA	124	3	
CREW TYPE 2	427	0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	113	87	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0		
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	25	0	
SHOWERS	43	10 CWN	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	36
TANKER	5
HELO	12
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	12
UAS	
SCOOPER	4
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	12 T2, 16 T2IA
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	306 – TFLD, SOF, HEQB, DIVS, SEC, dispatch, base camp managers
PENDING	350 – 281 overhead, 16 T1/T2IA, 30 T2 crews, 13 helicopters, 1 CIMT



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, no new starts. CIMT mobilizing today. Glitch with NICC jet was resolved this morning, crews will depart as scheduled.

California – Jay Kurth

- Biscar transitioned back to local unit at 0600 this morning. Balancing CA IA and supporting the national effort.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, light IA, prioritizing 8 large fires, 3 new and emerging fires. NTTR allowing access to Quail Springs. Supporting Big Grass. Incident on fire in Utah with civilian. GB Team 7 available 7/20. GB Team 2 available 8/2.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Upper Smith planning 3 day burnout starting tomorrow, put together a critical resource unit to send, CIMT branched to take Elder 1 this morning. NR Team 9 (T3) ordered on Moose. Incident in eastern MT last week.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Moderated conditions yesterday, light IA with no emerging incidents. Several existing large fires noted containment successes. Noting lack of adequate resources for many incidents. Recent mobilizations of CA and SW CIMTs have taken fires over this morning. Expect 2 CIMT requests this morning. Critical needs include aviation resources, TFLD and heavy equipment. International resources are actively engaged this morning.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, moderate IA in WY and SD. Potato Creek between 1,400 and 14,000 acres. Supporting national effort while maintaining drawdown.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- All agencies encouraging personnel to be nationally available as they can.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs



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- Light IA. Forward progress stopped on Island. Final T3 IMT available later this week. No needs or concerns.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long – Josh Acosta

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- NV activated National Guard yesterday for helicopter support. Little Giant is becoming a concern as it progresses. WA National Guard will be stood up today, 72 hours to activate. MT, SD and ND all experiencing uptick in activity, mutual aid requests have been increasing. WA has provided several military candidate fires.



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NMAC Operations Report Out

DOI working through contract extensions for multiple aircraft.
15 rappel ships, 1 down mechanical in PNW.
82 rappellers available.
1 platform being repositioned from MN to MT.
Identifying helicopter managers to bring single engine scoopers down from AK.
All DC10s will be staffed 7 days starting Friday.
Working to resolve lack of fuel in Helena for airtankers.
1/5 UAS orders filled yesterday, cliff upcoming the first couple of days in August.
McCall smokejumpers unavailable today.
Working to resolve EGP updated data for IAA.
Prioritizing crew movement in NW.
6 crews available tomorrow, followed by 0 on 7/30.
22 committed IHCs projected to time out between 8/1 and 8/5.
RIST introducing 2 new functional areas.
NIIC-D down to 20 command repeaters in house, requested SW and AK send back all prepo equipment.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

PL4, 989 active fires.
Will report out Mexico resource availability tomorrow.
Will report Australia/New Zealand availability Thursday.

NMAC Public Affairs – Sean Peterson

First and second press releases have been sent out.
Working on a third request for NMAC review.
Media request for international has been received. Robin is working with David and INLOs.

Administration

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Complex Incident Management Teams

NW Team 3 available.

AK Team 2 mobilizing to Sacramento today, ready to mobilize to incident tomorrow.

9 incidents on day 10 decision day.

Brewer does not need a replacement CIMT.

Expecting CIMT request rationale for 4 incidents.

Revisit 7/28 at 1700.

International

All resources arrived on incident.

Some resources given pushback when letting incidents know they can work 14 hours/day.

Mexico may be able to provide a couple of crews.

Military

WA activating National Guard ground forces.

WA removing some squad bosses to place with National Guard crews.

OR evaluating training needs.

OR may need up to 6 crew bosses.

WA will accept National Guard and military resources, prioritize mobilizing to Little Giant, Bradeen Hill, or Kaiser Canyon.

OR evaluating priority fires.

May utilize compact to request crew bosses from Cal Fire.

Preferred date for military Title 10 mobilization location is August 1.

Revisit 7/28 at 1700.

