

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 29, 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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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: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Miller
☒ 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: Caleb Ashby	☐ 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
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Robin Cole	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, George Geissler, Jim Prevette, Josh Acosta, Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, Col Little, Mike Mattfeldt, FDNY IMT, NASA guests, INLO, Dave Underwood, Mike Krupski, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, Ben Gannon, John Cervantes, Maj Fort, Megan Hefentrager, Shihming Huang, Seth Morphis, Trevor Pollock, Penny States, Casey Teske, Wade Clack, Kerry Jones, Zach Holder

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 30 July 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 170 new starts, 84 uncontained large fires, 25 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 15-person 4 MAFFS, 582 crews, 1,501 engines, 168 helicopters, international IMT, 59 international personnel, 26,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 14 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Kawaihae Road – HI, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 700 acres, 100% contained.

Biscar – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 69,300 acres, 98% contained.

Chute – Minimal behavior, litter and timber, 163 acres, 92% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 6 new starts, 45 uncontained large fires, 18 CIMTs.

Border 2 – Active behavior, timber, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Ptarmigan – Active behavior, burned into Canada, timber, 14,000 acres, 0% contained.

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

Sinlahekin – ODF, timber, extreme behavior, 8,500 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 128,140 acres, 16% contained.

Modrite – NR Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill, timber, active behavior, 11,000 acres, 63% contained.

Bradeen Hill – Active behavior, timber, 4,100 acres, 0% contained.

Skyo – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 185, acres, 5% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 18,100 acres, 0% contained.

Bench – SW Team 4, active behavior, timber, 60,000 acres, 3% contained.

Akawa Butte – ODF Team 2, moderate behavior, timber, 27,000 acres, 10% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – 2 fires, NW Team 2, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 295,000 acres, 37% contained.

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

Shingle – GB Team 5, active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 64,500 acres, 6% contained.

Coyote – CA Team 1, managing Henry, moderate behavior, brush and timber, evacuations, 17,400 acres, 77% contained.

Second Flat – CA Team 4, managing Coleman Creek, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 100,000 acres, 6% contained.

Coleman Creek – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 166,000 acres, 0% contained.

Hat – CA Team 5, managing Big Grass, active behavior, light fuels, 44,100 acres, 50% contained.

Jackass Butte – SA Team 2, limited growth, active behavior, light fuels, 23,600 acres, 26% contained.

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

Bald Mountain – Active behavior, light fuels, 84,900 acres, 1% contained.

Big Grass – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 302,000 acres, 5% contained.

Fox – SW Team 3, active behavior, grass, evacuations, 61,000 acres, 0% contained.

Bob Creek – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 830 acres, 10% contained.

Hagen – NW Team 7, active behavior, timber, 31,000 acres, 3% contained.



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Anthony – NW Team 13, managing Burnt Creek, moderate behavior, timber litter, evacuations, 2,500 acres, 89% contained.

Burnt Creek – Active behavior, timber and grass, 3,300 acres, 0% contained.

E Evans Creek Road – FL State Team 3, moderate behavior, timber litter, 15,580 acres, 68% contained.

Castle – CA Team 3, International IMT, active behavior, timber, 1,730 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 22 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Fish – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 4,200 acres, 27% contained.

Cinder – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 2,700 acres, 46% contained.

Rock – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 12,000 acres, 71% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 31 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Twin Sisters – Minimal behavior, timber, 100 acres, 40% contained.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 1,650 acres, 15% contained.

Elder 1 – Timber, active behavior, 700 acres, 0% contained.

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

Moose – Active behavior, 125 acres, 0% contained.

Silvertip – Active behavior, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Moore Road – 100% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 30 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Tartar – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 12,200 acres, 25% contained.

Bonneville County Assist – 480 acres, 15% contained.

Widemouth 2 – T3 IMT, chaparral, active behavior, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Quail Springs – Active behavior, timber, 15,000 acres, 0% contained.

Creech Air Force Base fire, 2,500 acres.

New Pass – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 19,000 acres, 0% contained.

Secret Pass – Timber and brush, active behavior, 3,300 acres, 15% contained.

Chimney – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 21,000 acres, 45% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 10 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires.

L 28 – Brush, moderate behavior, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Holey Land 6 – Moderate behavior, grass, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

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

Loggerhead – Minimal behavior, southern rough, 330 acres 90% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 46 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Rio Blanco – Brush and timber, 120 acres, 0% contained.

Potato Creek – SD, 8,950 acres, 0% contained.

IA continues in WY and SD.

Elk – NW Team 8 TOC RM Team 1 tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 2,300 acres, 37% contained.

Eastern Area: PL3, 3 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.



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Camp – SA Team 1, EA Team 1 mobilizing, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, litter, evacuations, 4,300 acres, 46% contained.

Little Knife – NIMO Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, 4,900 acres, 49% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 8 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Rayado Mesa – Moderate behavior, grass and timber, 934 acres, 30% contained.

Island – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 3,100 acres, 65% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

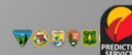
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms in portions of northeast Nevada, southeast/east-central Idaho, western Utah, Wyoming, and Montana the next two days with several new ignitions likely, but it is not high-risk for any one area either due to lack of coverage or just enough moisture
- Hot, dry, and locally breezy conditions on the southern High Plains into Friday with some increase in IA likely
- The monsoon will gradually become weaker in the Southwest and central Rockies as isolated to scattered wet thunderstorms today become very isolated and mixed wet/dry by Friday, with widespread minimum RH in the single digits and teens Friday with areas of poor overnight recovery
- As the upper-level high strengthens in northern Arizona, very hot temperatures are expected in the southern half of the West Friday, with temperatures 5-15°F above normal in the northern half of the West
- Increased winds in Puerto Rico today and tomorrow will result in high-risk significant fire potential, while South Florida will remain mostly dry this week with high-risk today due to a favorable burn environment with potentially strong and dry trade winds in Hawai'i Friday into Saturday
- Widespread showers and thunderstorms are expected in the northern/central Plains and Midwest late this week to bring relief to much of Minnesota

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Strong cold front to impact the Northwest on Saturday. Widespread windy to very windy conditions amidst very low RH will create widespread critical fire weather conditions, particularly for the Inland Northwest. Strong winds are also expected this weekend for northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies with widespread critical conditions and many areas of high-risk significant fire potential
- Very hot temperatures across much of the West to be even hotter Saturday with highs at or above 100 degrees from inland California and Southwest to Great Basin and Northern Rockies. The potential exists for numerous daily records to be set, and some possibly close to monthly records for August
- Much cooler temperatures, as much as 10-15 degrees below normal, Inland Northwest, on Sunday with somewhat cooler air spreading farther east and south though max temperatures still at and above 100°F for the Great Basin, northern Rockies east of the Divide, and lower elevations of the central Rockies
- 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



Strategic Analytics (Rick Stratton)

Assessed 31 fires in 3 GACCs.

Radar charts show highest concern in NW, GB, and NR.

8 scenarios with substantial heat to the NW and considerable WUI in PNW.

Concern over the weekend with most of PNW fires receiving high winds from the incoming cold front.

Many homes could be exposed with an increase in the size of several fires.

Active fire perimeter has increased by 50% in the last week.

No other GA is comparable to the NW in active perimeter levels.

Uncertainty in fireline effectiveness this week due to many fire merges.

Despite challenges conditions in the NW, firelines are near or at normal for fireline effectiveness, CA is showing above average fireline effectiveness.

National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

N/A



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	3
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		37	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	114	1	
HELO TYPE2	60	0	
HELO TYPE3	66	0	
LARGE TRANS			No flights scheduled
CIMT	25	1	No T3 IMTs available.
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	73	6	
CREW TYPE 2IA	131	4	
CREW TYPE 2	426	0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	115	99	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	2 loads	
RAPPELERS		88	
CATERERS	28	0	
SHOWERS	42	1	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	34
TANKER	9
HELO	12
AIR ATTACK	
IR	7
UAS	6
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	8 T1/T2IA, 4 T2, 10 camp
ENGINES	15
OVERHEAD	61
PENDING	472 oh, 2 CIMTs, 18 T1, 28 T2 crew, 10 helo



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, warming and drying trend, hoping to retain current capacity. Most areas reporting draw down.

California – Jay Kurth

- Doing well with IA and low activity. Anticipating increased IA. Appreciate increased support with upcoming high temperatures.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- Camp incident confirming control with IR. Weather allowing for more direct approach. Reassessing structure protection resources. EA Team 1 inbriefing today at 1900.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, light IA, 2 new and emerging incidents, no issues. Mouse Meadow on AFB, 6,153 acres, monitoring due to UXO, managed as part of Quail Springs. Appreciate LAT support. Active fire behavior already this morning, concerns with upcoming drying trends this weekend.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL3, successful IA.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Increased containment on several incidents, heat perimeters concern with upcoming wind events. Cal Fire mobilizing to Sinlahekin. Critical needs include requested CIMTs.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, no needs or concerns.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- No critical needs.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- Albuquerque ATB will be closing on 8/1.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Traveled with leadership to visit OR. Interagency cooperation is going very well with shared and surging resources. Concern with forecasted weather over the weekend. Must be in front of employee participation, specifically for middle management positions.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- ND looking to import state resources through the compacts. WA DNR mobilized Cal Fire Team 4 to Sinlahekin, approval for approximately 100 personnel with additional middle management. ODF Team 1 available beginning 7/30. Acquired crew bosses for OR National Guard, working to fill squad bosses.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Weaver Mountain Helitack will be down over the weekend.

Managers found for two AK single engine scoopers, AK will hold both through the weekend.

Cedar City ATB is available to supply tanker needs.

Helena ATB can support as well.

MAFFS 4 tail swap ferrying up to Redding today, available tomorrow.

UMODs continuing to drop off, uptick in UAS availability on 8/3.

Jump 60 moving to Burns, McCall SMKJ is unavailable today.

Continuing to bring commanders back in to the cache system.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC ta PL4, 854 active fires.

Mexico does not have available resources for 30 days. Over 300 resources mobilizing to Canada.

DOW – Brian West – Andrew Fort

Battalion RFA working through the DOW system.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

N/A

NMAC External Affairs – Robin Cole

New interview yesterday with Idaho 6 on Australia/New Zealand mobilization.

Military mobilization release being reviewed by DOW. Stanton is following up.

Request NMAC quotes.

Public Affairs call will be discussed tomorrow regarding the military mobilization.

Media will be invited to any scheduled training.

Consider news release on military prioritization.

Pushed international mobilization release without USFS and DOI feedback.

Honoring strict military public affairs and information release policies.

Sean will send draft military press release to NMAC members for review.

Administration

PL – 5 (5.0)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Complex Incident Management Teams

Neither NR Team is agreeable to extending.

Kaiser Canyon CIMT replacement request DTN 7/31 at 1800. Recommend filling with AK Team 2. -Support

Paradise decision can be deferred until Friday at the latest.

CIMT replacement request for Fox and Modrite. Recommend filling both with NW Team 3 and CA Team 7. -Support

Checking if Castle CIMT is able to extend and complete a complexity analysis.

GB Team 7 and ODF Team 1 will be available tomorrow, 2 CIMTs available on Sunday.

NW Team 10 is available 8/6.

Are RM Team 1 or RM Team 3 available to be reassigned from their current incidents? -Paul will speak with ICs. Chuck will follow up.

Jesse will send an email to GA CIMT Coordinators to touch base and help clean up communication gaps including: 7 days of unavailability, extension requests, extension duration strategies, well-documented TOCs, etc.

Crews

Heavily prioritizing NW.

Current IHC allocation: 44% NW, 13% GB, 12% SOPS, 13% GB, 11% EA, 6% NR.

7 IHCs, 5 T2IA crews, 1 T2 crew surge capacity available today.

Recommended allocation:

5 IHCs, 3 T2 IA, 1 T2 crew to NW

1 IHC, 2 T2IA crews to NR

1 IHC to GB

Last big surge of available crews for the next 7-10 days.

Will lose 22 IHCs 8/1-8/5.

Not anticipating any large crew cliffs.

T2 crew will R&R in place in EA prior to completing another 14-day assignment.

T2 crew 7-day extension request received. -Chase will inquire about R&R in place and completing another 14-day assignment. -Support

IHC will remain in EA until their end of season at the end of August.

International

Mexico will have no resource availability for another 30 days.

Australia has many questions regarding sending additional resources for engine staffing. NICC is meeting with them this afternoon.

Engines would be brought to the Mob Center for inspection, outfitting, overview, and training prior to mobilization.

Uncertain how many operational unstaffed engines DOI has.

Russ will request available T5 and T6 FS engine numbers.

Military

All logistics are awaiting candidate fire.

Request fire as soon as possible.

