

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 30, 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: 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: Ben Gannon	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Robin Cole	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Mark Goeller, Brian Achziger, Hans Ohme, George Geissler, Dave Williams, Brian Fennessy, Josh Acosta, Megan Kephart, Mike Mattfeldt, Maj Fort, INLOs, Elise Hawes, NASA guests, Wade Clack, Jason Bruce, John Cervantes, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Shihming Huang, Mike Krupski, Lindsey Lewis, Col Little, John Mckee, Beale Monday, Trevor Pollock, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Dave Underwood, Zach Holder, Nick Stanzak, Josh Ingle

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 30 July 2026, 1830-1900

Friday, 31 July 2026, 110-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 170 new starts, 85 uncontained large fires, 27 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 72 international personnel, 4 MAFFS, 587 crews, 1,615 engines, 27,000 personnel assigned.

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

Chute – Minimal behavior, litter and timber, 163 acres, 94% contained.

Biscar – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 69300 acres, 98% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 3 new starts, 43 uncontained large fires, 20 CIMTs.

Little Giant – CA Team 2, active behavior, 26,000 acres, 0% contained.

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

Skyo – Active behavior, 200 acres, 25% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4 mobilizing, extreme behavior, 10,525 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, active behavior, 129,000 acres, 27% contained.

Modrite – NR Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill, active behavior, 20,000 acres, 63% contained.

Bradeen Hill – Active behavior, 4,160 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, moderate behavior, 21,100 acres, 0% contained.

Bench – SW Team 4, active behavior, 64,400 acres, 22% contained.

Akawa Butte – ODF Team 2, moderate behavior, 27,400 acres, 19% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – NW Team 2, ODF Team 3, active behavior, 300,000 acres, 42% contained.

Shingle – GB Team 5, active behavior, 65,000 acres, 6% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – NW Team 10, minimal behavior, no growth, 200,000 acres, 90% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Paradise, Hagen and Horse Ridge, moderate behavior, 763 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 33,000 acres, 3% contained.

Horse Ridge – Minimal behavior, timber, 838 acres, 95% contained.

Salmon – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 1,400 acres, 67% contained.

Olive Butte – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,000 acres, 60% contained.

Anthony – Moderate behavior, closed timber, evacuations, 2,500 acres, 89% contained.

Burnt Creek – Active behavior, 3,300 acres, 13% contained.

Bob Creek – Active behavior, 868 acres, 15% contained.

Powder River – SW Team 3, managing Fox, 21,000 acres, 96% contained.

Fox – Active behavior, 69,000 acres, 10% contained.

Big Grass – CA Team 5, managing Hat, active behavior, 302,000 acres, 15% contained.

Hat – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 44,122 acres, 89% contained.

Second Flat – CA Team 4, managing Coleman Creek, active behavior, 103,000 acres, 18% contained.

Coleman Creek – Active behavior, evacuations, 204,000 acres, 0% contained.

Jackass Butte – SA Team 2, moderate behavior, light fuels, 24,500 acres, 70% contained.

Stubble – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 15,600 acres, 93% contained.

Crater – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 705 acres, 97% contained.

Bald Mountain – Active behavior, 85,000 acres, 29% contained.

Coyote – CA Team 1, no perimeter growth, minimal behavior, 17,400 acres, 77% contained.



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Henry – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, evacuations, 29,400 acres, 57% contained.
E Evans Creek Road – FL State Team 1, no perimeter growth, moderate behavior, timber, 15,500 acres, 78% contained.
Castle – CA Team 3, international IMT, moderate behavior, timber, 1,700 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, light IA, 33 uncontained large fires.

Fish – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 4,200 acres, 57% contained.
Cinder – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 2,700 acres, 71% contained.
Rock – Minimal behavior, brush, 12,000 acres, 79% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 26 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, managing Elder 1, active behavior, timber, 1,800 acres, 13% contained.
Elder 1 – Active behavior, timber, 920 acres, 0% contained.
North Fork Lost Horse – Minimal behavior, 115 acres, 0% contained.
Moose – 160 acres, 0% contained.
Skillet – Timber, 150 acres, 0% contained.
Silvertip – Extreme behavior, 4,200 acres, 0% contained.
Twin Sisters – Minimal behavior, 50% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, light IA, 19 new starts, 1 CIMENT.

Widemouth 2 – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 5,925 acres, 15% contained.
New Pass – Active behavior, 28,000 acres, 15% contained.
Quail Springs - Active behavior, 13,000 acres, 7% contained.
Mouse Meadow – Active behavior, 5,700 acres, 0% contained.
Secret Pass - Active behavior, limited growth, 3,120 acres, 35% contained.
Tartar – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, light fuels, 12,200 acres, 52% contained.
Double Springs – Active behavior, 127 acres, 0% contained.
2,000-acre grass fire in eastern ID.

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

Camden McCarthy Overpass – Extreme behavior, grass and timber, 600 acres, 15% contained.
Holey Land 6 – Moderate behavior, grass, 3,900 acres, 20% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, moderate IA, 36 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMITs.

Aspen Acres – RM Team 3, minimal behavior, timber, 101,900 acres, 66% contained.
Gold Mountain – RM Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 39,500 acres, 62% contained.
Elk – NW Team 8 TOC RM Team 1 today, minimal behavior, timber, 2,300 acres, 37% contained.
Willow – Minimal behavior, brush, 7,100 acres, 66% contained.
Rio Blanco – Active behavior, evacuations, 440 acres, 0% contained.
Potato Creek – Active behavior, grass, 9,000 acres, 30% contained.
Duhamel – Extreme behavior, grass and timber, 531 acres, 50% contained.

Eastern Area: PL3, 1 new start, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMITs, 1 NIMO Team.



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Camp – SA Team 1 TOC EA Team 1 tomorrow, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, evacuations, 4,300 acres, 53% contained.

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

Alaska: PL1, 2 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Norutak – Tanana Zone, minimal behavior, timber, unstaffed, 102 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 19 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Rayado Mesa – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 934 acres, 31% contained.

Island – Minimal behavior, brush, 3,100 acres, 75% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Saturday)

- A significant increase in fire activity is expected this weekend into early next week due to very hot and dry conditions in the southern half of the West as the monsoon retreats and an unusually strong wind event more typical of early fall occurs in the northern half of the West where multiple fires are likely to make large runs
- Hot, dry, and locally breezy conditions on the southern High Plains into Friday with some increase in IA likely
- A break in the monsoon begins today as drier air moves into central and western Arizona, shifting the thunderstorm focus into New Mexico. Even drier conditions will expand across the Southwest Friday, with unseasonably low RH of 8-20% for many locations
- Very hot temperatures are expected in the southern half of the West into Saturday, with temperatures 5-15°F above normal in the northern half of the West. The potential exists for numerous daily records to be set, and some possibly close to monthly records for August on Saturday from inland California and Southwest to the Great Basin and Northern Rockies
- Strong winds in the Northwest to northern Rockies Saturday with winds gusts in some areas exceeding 50 mph amid RH 5-25%
- Increased winds in Puerto Rico today 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 (Sunday through next Saturday)

- The strongest winds with the cold front will be on Sunday in the northern Rockies east of the Divide, but areas of breezy westerly winds will continue across the Great Basin and central Rockies into mid-next week with moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- Very hot temperatures across the southern half of the West will continue through mid-next week and potentially into next weekend for California with numerous daily record highs likely. In addition, high-risk significant fire potential will continue in portions of southern California Sunday due to the low-level instability with the hot temperatures, and may be extended into mid-next week
- Much cooler temperatures, as much as 10-15 degrees below normal for Inland Northwest, on Sunday with somewhat cooler air spreading farther east Monday before temperatures rebound to above normal for the northern half of the West by mid-next week into next weekend
- The break in the monsoon is not expected to be as pronounced next week in portions of the Southwest, but the dry conditions will likely persist in the Four Corners into next weekend before the monsoon returns the following week
- Areas of moderate potential will continue on the southern Plains into next week, but some relief is expected in south Florida



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Area of concern is expanding in the greater Northwest.

CA is drying fuels more than any other GA and will approach critical near record levels.

According to the forecast, the Burning Index is extremely high and could be above charted levels.

Based on historical data, resource levels may be nearing complete depletion.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		36	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	109	0	
HELO TYPE2	58	0	
HELO TYPE3	65	1	
LARGE TRANS			No scheduled flights.
CIMT	27	1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	78	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	131	0	
CREW TYPE 2	428	0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	86	97	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	15	
RAPPELERS		108	
CATERERS	27	0	
SHOWERS	46	3	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	33
TANKER	5
HELO	9
AIR ATTACK	
IR	16
UAS	1
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	5 T2, 6 camp crews
ENGINES	17
OVERHEAD	401 – TFLD, HEQB, SEC, SOF, RADO, DIVS, FELB, HECM, dispatch, PIO
PENDING	487 oh, 9 T1/T2, 36 T2 crews, 48 engines, 8 showers, 9 helicopters



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

- State strike team should have arrived in NW on barge yesterday. At drawdown, minimal concerns.

California – Jay Kurth

- 60-70% engine capacity and 40-62% crew capacity for CA and Cal Fire combined.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, moderate IA, prioritizing 9 large fires, 1 new and emerging. Continue to monitor predicted weather event in ID.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Skillet working on CIMT request. Clean Gulch in South Elkhorns, 15 acres, access is very difficult, could be problematic with incoming weather.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Skyo has approximately half mile of line construction. Hay Creek Complex TOC to local unit. Horse Ridge working on spot fire. Castle extension request for 2 additional shifts has been submitted.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, moderate IA. Concern with maintaining PL3 drawdown levels, particularly T2IA crews.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

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Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- No needs or concerns.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

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USFS – Russ Long

- Preparations for Title 10 mobilization, most of the overhead has been secured, Beale Monday will be the MLO. Awaiting military candidate fire.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- ID activated National Guard helicopters yesterday. SD reported many large county IA fires. Little Giant moving into private values.

NMAC Operations Report Out

All short-haul platforms are in place, considering movements in a few days.

Rappel transition as resources come off IA, moving into extended attack with IA ability.

DC10s will begin 7-day coverage tomorrow.

T1 UAS is carding a backup aircraft, potential to bring an additional online.

61 active TFRs, 6 airspace coordinators supporting 5 GAs.

DoW RFA approved through NorthCom on 7/28.

Surged 10 crews in NW yesterday, 51% of IHCs supporting NW.

Working on better balance of crew allocations with incoming weather across several GAs.

Many crews expecting to time out between 8/1 and 8/5.

Continued heavy cache to cache support.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 877 active fires.

Focus is British Columbia.

Several hundred firefighters arriving from Mexico to Canada.

Drought conditions in Australia.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Robin Cole

Military mobilization news release waiting for feedback from military and NMAC.

Robin has drafted a new release regarding prioritizing resources for review.

Robin has reached out to CIMT paired with international IMT.

Ensure all agency leadership is included on the mailing list.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Military

Most overhead support orders have been placed and are mobilizing to JBLM between now and 8/3.

Placing additional overhead orders this afternoon, will mobilize 8/1.

Working with Stu Rodeffer to secure all vehicles, creating plan to pick up close to Tacoma.

Radio kits have been ordered and are on standby.

Working to secure a caterer.

Candidate fire needed to finalize logistics. – Will be selected today.

Revisit at 1830.

No National Guard crew bosses needed, NASF will check on squad boss needs.

RFA written to include 2 days off in the 30 days to avoid the need for juggling replacement overhead and staggered days off.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Replacement CIMT request for Paradise.

NR discussing potential order for emerging incident.

Revisit at 1830.

International

Canada may have resources available in 30 days, continued concern with British Columbia.

Australia working through additional resource numbers they can make available.

Discuss engine capabilities.

