

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 31, 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	LJ Brown	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: Brian Achziger	☒ USFS: Hans Ohme	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: George Geissler	☒ 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: Scott Mayer	☒ 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: Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, Josh Acosta, Wade Clack, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Maj Fort, Jim Prevette, Col Little, Kelly Woods, John Cervantes, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Josh Ingle, Shaun Jensen, Mike Krupski, John Mckee, Seth Morphis, Ricardo Reynoso, Rick Stratton, Dave Underwood, Morgan Alexander, INLOs, Kerry Jones, Dennis Strange, Brent Higbee

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 1 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 155 new starts, 87 uncontained large fires, 30 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, 566 crews, 26,675 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 17 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Woodside – Cal Fire, 150 acres, spotted, 23% contained.

Chute – Minimal behavior, 162 acres, 95% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 7 new starts, 42 uncontained large fires, 23 CIMTs.

Luna – Active behavior, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Border 2 – Active behavior, 3,000 acres, 10,000 acres, on Canadian side,

Ptarmigan – 12,500 acres, 0% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, extreme behavior, 24,400 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2, AK Team 2 mobilizing, active behavior, 131,000 acres, 29% contained.

Modrite – NR Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill, extreme behavior, 22,700 acres, 27% contained.

Bradeen Hill – Active behavior, 4,180 acres, 7% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2, active behavior, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Skyo – Active behavior, 202 acres, 38% contained.

High Lava – 50+ acres, active behavior, turned down by aerial firefighters.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, active behavior, 24,000 acres, 0% contained.

Bench – Active behavior, 66,400 acres, 32% contained.

Akawa Butte – ODF Team 2, moderate behavior, 27,400 acres, 43% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – 2 fires, NW Team 2, ODF Team 3, SW Team 2 mobilizing, 310,000 acres, 46% contained.

Hay Creek Complex – NW Team 10, 200,000 acres, 90% contained.

Shingle - GB Team 5, active behavior, 66,300 acres, 10% contained.

Coyote – CA Team 1, managing Henry, 17,400 acres, 77% contained.

Henry – 29,800 acres, 65% contained.

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

Coleman Creek – Extreme behavior, 212,000 acres, 0% contained.

Hat – CA Team 5, managing Big Grass, minimal behavior, 44,100 acres, 93% contained.

Big Grass – Active behavior, 304,000 acres, 21% contained.

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

Fox – Active behavior, 75,500 acres, 58% contained.

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

Burnt Creek – 4,200 acres, 16% contained.

Jackass Butte – 24,500 acres, 78% contained.

Bald Mountain – Active behavior, 85,350 acres, 26% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Hagen, moderate behavior, 765 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – GB Team 2 mobilizing, active behavior, 37,000 acres, 3% contained.

E Evans Creek Road – FL State Team 1, 15,580 acres, 87% contained.

Castle – 1,900 acres, 8% contained.



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South Ops: PL3, 9 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Northern Rockies: PL4, moderate IA, 22 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, active behavior, 1,930 acres, 13% contained.

Elder 1 – Moderate behavior, 1,000 acres, 14% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 2 mobilizing, active behavior, 950 acres, 0% contained.

Silvertip – Moderate behavior, 4,150 acres, 0% contained.

Cascade – 430 acres, 0% contained, unstaffed.

King Salmon – Light fuels, 150 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 20 new start, 10 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Tartar – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, 12,000 acres, 57% contained.

Lake Channel – Active behavior, 2,500 acres, 15% contained.

Widemouth 2 – 6,000 acres, 15% contained.

New Pass – Active behavior, 30,000 acres, 15% contained.

Secret Pass – Minimal behavior, 3,300 acres, 50% contained.

Quail Springs – Active behavior, 13,000 acres, 12% contained.

Mouse Meadow – Active behavior, 15,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 15 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires.

Hudson 19 Dixie 15 – Moderate behavior, 125 acres, 70% contained.

Holey Land 6 – Active behavior, 5,400 acres, 50% contained.

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

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 40 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Rio Blanco – Active behavior, 710 acres, 0% contained, T3 IMT requested.

Pleasant Ridge – Minimal behavior, 1,260 acres, 90% contained.

Potato Creek – Moderate behavior, 9,000 acres, 30% contained.

Eastern Area: PL3, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO Team.

Camp – SA Team 1 TOC EA Team 1 today, managing 4 other incidents, 4,300 acres, 69% contained.

Little Knife – NIMO Team, minimal behavior, timber, 4,900 acres, 70% contained.

Alaska: PL1

Norutak - Tanana Zone, made a run for several thousand acres.

Southwest: PL2, 14 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Saw Pit – Light fuels, 150 acres.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- Widespread critical to extremely critical conditions this weekend for the Northwest, northern Rockies, and northern Great Basin due to strong westerly winds gusting 35-50 mph amid RH of 5-25% creating high-risk significant fire potential where many existing fires will display extreme growth and new ignitions will be extremely resistant to control
- Dangerously hot and dry conditions for much of California to the Four Corners as temperatures exceed 100°F in the lower elevation through the weekend with widespread moderate significant fire potential, with high-risk significant fire potential in portions of southern California through the weekend and in portions of the Great Basin Sunday due to breezy westerly winds gusting 25-40 mph
- A break in the monsoon today as drier air moves into central and western Arizona and the Four Corners, shifting the thunderstorm focus into mainly eastern and southern New Mexico with unseasonably low RH of 8-20% for many locations
- Easterly trade winds for Puerto Rico are also expected to be breezy today 15-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph expected resulting in moderate potential with increasing shower and thunderstorm chances tomorrow. Potentially strong and dry trade winds in Hawai'i this afternoon into Saturday
- Widespread showers and thunderstorms are expected in the northern/central Plains and Midwest through end of week

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Cooler-than-average temperatures for much of the Northern Rockies and Northern Plains on Monday and Tuesday
- Hot temperatures to persist across much of inland California, central and southern Great Basin, and much of the Southwest extending into the southern Plains with highs at or above 100 degrees for many locations early next week
- In the Southwest, wet thunderstorms will favor the eastern Mogollon Rim into southern and eastern New Mexico while unseasonably dry air persists in the Four Corners through much of western Arizona
- Very limited moisture to support only isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms along the Rockies into the northern Plains early next week
- Areas of moderate potential will continue in the southern Plains into next week, but some relief is expected in south Florida



PDS has been submitted in Spokane.

Strategic Analytics (Rick Stratton)

How do WUI Fire Disasters Occur?



Currently in “Urban Fire” state analyzing 13 incidents.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	3
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		37	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	61		
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21		
HELO TYPE1	110	0	
HELO TYPE2	61	0	
HELO TYPE3	65	0	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	30	1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	79	3	
CREW TYPE 2IA	135	0	
CREW TYPE 2	427		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	59	137	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0		
RAPPELERS		104	
CATERERS	27	0	
SHOWERS	47	2	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	23
TANKER	2
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	2
IR	11
UAS	3
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	8 T1/T2IA
ENGINES	16
OVERHEAD	311 – HEQB, TFLD, DIVS, SOF, RADO, SEC
PENDING	600 – 438 oh, 22 T1/, 55 T2 crews, 75 engines, 9 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, large fire growth on Norutak close to full suppression, inquiring with local unit about plans.

California – Jay Kurth

- Woodside making progress. Maintaining support nationally.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- NIMO Team managing Little Knife changing strategy, will not need to backfill resources, will be freed up by Wednesday. EA Team 1 took over all other fires.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, light IA, no new and emerging incidents. Critical need for AOBD. McCall SMKJ standing up. Idaho National Guard activated 2 Black Hawks for 7 days on Big Grass Idaho side.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL4, IA across the GACC. Skillet active this morning, IA from last night's lightning.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Many fires set up, heat on east side will pose challenges. Spokane posted PDS to website. Many fires making good progress, focusing on values at risk. Skyo will likely release IHC today. High Lava is staffed locally, long-duration due to location.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, heavy IA, increase in IA this morning. Critical need to sustain drawdown levels with crews and T3 IMT ordered.

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Jim Prevette

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- N/A



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- Leadership is traveling for escort for Nate occurring today, memorial is tomorrow.

USFS – Russ Long – Hans Ohme

- Chief's priority letter was distributed yesterday, prioritizing fire. NIMO Team 3 approved for Ptarmigan, available 8/3.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Modrite received FMAG.

NASF – Greg Smith – George Geissler

- NASF requested additional available resources for the west to all State Foresters. Discussion in OR for National Guard ground resource mobilization.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Issue with EGP yesterday, short-haul statusing was inaccurate.

Monument short-haul will be moving to NR, available 8/1.

1 rappel aircraft down today, working on relief pilot.

Working on realigning fixed-wing platforms.

Load of Ely SMKJ should be available today.

Staffing Minden by tomorrow.

54 active TFRs, tracking POTUS TFR next week.

RFA approved for Title 10, moving control to North Com.

Crew allocation 51% NW, 12% NR, working to balance and ensure coverage in all GAs.

Rotating Vet Crews in with military mobilization to provide fire leadership positions.

Low inventory of 4330s and command repeaters in NIIC-D, struggling to get returns.

Cache preparing for military retirements.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 858 active fires.

Meteorologist from Australia mobilizing to Boise 8/16 for 30 days.

IWI exercise and emergency demobilization exercise for international resources will occur today.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Robin Cole

Military mobilization release was distributed this morning.

Release will be uploaded to NIFC socials and website today.

Media inquiry for August 10 regarding prioritizing critical resources. NMAC member requested.

Additional information needed for additional Australia/New Zealand resource mobilization.

Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NW, NR, GB

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Military

MAFFS RFA ends on August 10.

Sean will work on up to 30-day MAFFS extension request.

Reaching out through dispatch coordination system to solidify contacts for logistical and coordination needs.

Roster is close to being finalized including crews, modules and overhead.

In standby until people are in place on the ground until camp is being built out.

Reaching out to Job Corp for camp crew and caterer availability.

Beale Monday and Stu Rodeffer working with CIMTs managing the incidents in candidate fire areas.

International

Australia/New Zealand will be providing an additional 200+ personnel mobilizing 8/10.

Fleet, equipment and training personnel will assist in preparing for the next international mobilization.

DOI has identified 25 T6 engines so far.

One GA offered to supply 10 or more T4 engines with drivers.

Coordination meeting will be scheduled on Monday for all pertinent personnel.

WA and OR states may be able to provide additional T6 engines.

Recommend office administrative staff driving engines to Boise.

Utilizing VIPR contract as a starting point.

Engines coming with drivers alleviates many concerns, training must be tailored to specific international specific asks.

Consider supporting additional staffing to engine crews with incoming international personnel that are short.

Australia/New Zealand has requested use of NICC Jet to pick up resource groups from international hubs.

Complex Incident Management Teams

2-day extension request for CA Team 3 on Castle. -Support

Replacement request for Castle, DTN 8/4 at 1600. Assign NW Team 12. -Revisit

Ptarmigan request NIMO Team DTN 8/4 at 1600. -Support

No teams available until Sunday.

Orders can be sent to CIMTs up to 3 days prior to availability date.

ODF Team 1 is available for state needs.

CIMTs should be re-prioritized internally from large fires to emerging incidents if needed.

NW Team 10 will be available 8/6.

Large groups of NERV vehicles are not transported on Sundays but are available 7 days a week.

