

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 1, 2026

1100-1141

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Megan Kephart	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Kerry Jones	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Megan Kephart	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	LJ Brown	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

☐ Chair: Chuck Russell	☒ Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Brian Achziger	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Mark Goeller	☒ NICC: Megan Kephart	☒ 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: Jim Prevette	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☐ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Kerry Jones
☐ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: LJ Brown	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☐ External Affairs: Rebecca Paterson	☒ DOW: Colonel Jason Little
☒ 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:
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Lisa Sandoval	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: John Cervantes, Naomi Legere-Gordon, Marcus Medina, Penney States, Josh Acosta, Seth Morphis, Ricardo Reynoso, Richard Stratton, Jeremy Sullens, Casey Teske, Court Wallace, Michael Henry, Beau Dobberstein, Steven Miller, Caleb Ashby, Carey Johns, George Geissler, Greg Smith, John Mckee, Witne Neil, Trevor Pollock, Ewing Underwood, Kerry Jones

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, 2 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL5. 117 new fires. 3 new large fires. 1 large fire contained. 84 uncontained large fires. 30 CIMTs committed (mix of federal/state). 1 NIMO committed, 1 NIMO mobilizing. 26,808 personnel assigned.

Northwest: PL5. 42 uncontained large fires. 24 CIMTs committed.

Sinlahekin Fire: Cal Fire Team 4 assigned. Extreme behavior. 32,000 acres. 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon Fire: NR Team 2 assigned, transfer to AK Team 2 on 8/2. 3,000 acres of growth. 134,000 acres. 30% contained.

Modrite Fire: NR Team 3 assigned. Extreme behavior. 15,000 acres of growth. 40,000 acres. 22% contained.

Little Giant Fire: CA Team 2 assigned. Extreme behavior. 5,000 acres growth. 31,000 acres. 0% contained.

Grasshopper Fire: CA Team 6 assigned. 5,000 acres of growth. 26,000 acres. 0% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex: NW Team 2 assigned. Active behavior. 5,000 acres of growth. 309,000 acres. 55% contained.

Paradise Fire: NW Team 7 assigned. Active behavior. 4,000 acres of growth. 37,000 acres. 8% contained.

Coleman Creek Fire: Extreme behavior. 10-15,000 acres of growth. 231,000 acres. 0% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4. 8 uncontained large fires. 2 CIMTs committed.

Upper Smith Fire: NR Team 1 assigned. Moderate behavior. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened. 2,200 acres. 12% contained.

Skillet Fire: GB Team 7 assigned. 1,300 acres. 2% contained.

Elder 1 Fire: NR Team 1 assigned. Active behavior. 1,200 acres. 14% contained.

Ant Park Fire: Active behavior. 400 acres. 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3. 10 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.

Ward Fire: Type 3 team mobilizing. Extreme behavior. 1,800 acres. 0% contained.

Widemouth 2 Fire: Active behavior. 6,500 acres. 0% contained.

Black Canyon Fire: 100 acres.

Rocky Mountain: PL3. 6 uncontained large fires. 2 CIMTs committed.

Rio Blanco Fire: Active behavior. Urban interface. 883 acres. 0% contained.

Lumin Fire: 7,200 acres.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Kerry Jones)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Monday)

- **Critical to extremely critical conditions today through Sunday 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**
- Ahead of the strong cold front, a very large expanse of record or near-record heat will affect areas from inland California and the Southwest to the Great Basin and Northern Rockies today, with some locations approaching monthly records for August
- Widespread moderate significant fire potential, with high-risk significant fire potential in portions of southern California and in portions of the Great Basin Sunday due to breezy westerly winds gusting 25-40 mph
- Pronounced drying across northern Arizona and the Four Corners, shifting the thunderstorm focus into mainly eastern and southern New Mexico and southeast Arizona with unseasonably low RH of 8-20% for many locations
- Lighter winds are expected on Monday in the Northwest and across more of the northern Rockies while locally breezy north winds are possible in far northern California (e.g. Sacramento Valley), although confidence is low
- Very hot and dry conditions will continue in California into the southern Great Basin, West Slope, and Southwest on Monday where temperatures will easily exceed 100°F in the lower elevations.
- Widespread showers and thunderstorms are expected in the northern/central Plains and Midwest early next week

Long-term (Tuesday through next Monday)

- Cooler-than-average temperatures for much of the Northern Rockies and Northern Plains in wake of the cold front on 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
- Lower grade monsoon pattern in the Southwest for much of next week with scattered wet thunderstorms favoring the Mogollon Rim, southeast Arizona into western New Mexico, with mixed wet/dry thunderstorms in the Four Corners for potential new ignitions
- Areas of moderate potential will continue in the southern Plains into next week, but some relief is expected in south Florida



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT	23		5
VLAT	3		
SCOOPER	8		
AIR ATTACK	36		
LEAD ASM	11		
SEAT	61		
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21		
HELO TYPE1	114		
HELO TYPE2	56		
HELO TYPE3	69	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	24		6 mobilizing
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	86	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	137		
CREW TYPE 2	409	few	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	79	140	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	12	
RAPPELERS	16/108		
CATERERS	28	0	
SHOWERS	50	1	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	7
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	3
ENGINES	55
OVERHEAD	253
PENDING	623/340 overhead



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

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California – Jay Kurth

- Good catch on Gray Fire, Forward progress stopped.
- MAFFS 4 emergency landing wing leak, RTB safely in Redding.
- NOPs is below drawdown. SOPs is at drawdown. No crews available.
- 4 REMS units released into the system for 14 days, no extensions.

Eastern Area – Steven Miller

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Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, moderate IA.
- Critical needs: Type 2 crews for IA.
- New start, planning large burn operation, may need CIMT to replace team timing out on 8/3.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Type 3 team mobilizing to Bobcat Licks Fire for structure protection.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Potential new IA. Repositioning aircraft
- Critical needs: Type 1 and Type 2IA crews—replacements. Division Leaders, TF Leaders, Heavy Equipment Bosses.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- 13 unstaffed fires.
- Cross Canyon Fire in Colorado: 140 acres, evacuations in-place. Oil/gas infrastructure threatened.
- Critical needs: replacement Type 2IA crews.

Southern Area – Jim Prevette

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Southwest – Mike Spilde

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NMAC Agency Updates

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NASF – Mark Goeller

- WY Lumin Fire: Type 3 inbrief this morning.
- UT: reports uptick new starts, likely to go big with wind.
- MT: moderate IA. Picked up Bobcat Lake Fire, likely long-duration.
- OK/TX: activity uptick.

NMAC Operations Report Out

- Rotary Wing: request made to RM to make 2x Type 1 exclusive use available for national tasking. One tail is freed up, waiting second.
- Short Haul: moved 1x out of EA to NW for IA.
- MAFFS 4: repaired, inspected, back in service.
- UAS: we are past the cliff, seeing some coming available between 8/2 and 8/3.
- Smokejumpers: 12 setting up today. Burns fully staffed. Missoula was in the air at 0800 this morning.
- DOW: ready to receive training for crews. 2 crews available today, sent to GB for emerging incidents.
- Outlook: crews timing out over next 4 days.
- CIMTs – no decisions for today, none available.
 - Extension for NW Team7 for 1 day on Paradise Fire was approved yesterday.
 - CIMT replacement for Castle Fire – no decision, need decision 8/3 at the latest.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

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DOW – Brian West

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Strategic Analytics Report – Rick Stratton

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Safety – Persephone Whelan

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Administration

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

1. Military Update – Wade Clack

- Military will be co-located with Modrite fire. All ICs have been briefed. Camp will be at Spokane Community College in Colville.
- Second caterer not needed – will still have separate shower/laundry facilities.
- Working vehicle plan for JBLM.
- Just in time training plan is ready.
- Waiting for list on exact who will be starting off with military—rallying up in Spokane.

2. Title 10 Helicopter Support – Brian Achziger

- Would like to explore the potential for using DOW helos for bucket work.
- Normally in the sequence of events, Title 32 assets must be exhausted before Title 10 can be used.
- Plan a discussion for tomorrow on feasibility.
- Beau will work to get a status update on Title 32 assets and identify rotary wing needs.
- WA: National Guard helos are activated. Discussion ongoing for training for additional crews for bucket work.
- OR: One National Guard helo activated for medical extraction. Water drop work is in progress.

