

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 2, 2026

1100-1230

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Kery Jones	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: Chuck Russell	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Mark Goeller	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Goldman
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jim Prevette	☐ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Harold Riggs
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Kerry Jones
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: LJ Brown	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: Caleb Ashby	☒ DOW: Andrew Fort
☒ USWFS Aviation: Matt Shaddle	☒ USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton	☐ Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
☒ NIIC-D: Kim Albracht	☒ Cache: Marcus Medina	☒ IR: Kat Sorenson
☐ Safety:	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Robin Cole	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, Hans Ohme, Grant Beebe, Chief Fennessy, Steve Miller, Josh Acosta, Jeremy Sullens, Penny States, Trevor Pollock, INLOs, David Lee, John Cervantes, Chris Delaney, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Megan Heffentrager, Josh Ingle, Mike Krupski, Beale Monday, Casey Teske, Dave Underwood, NASA guests, Jake Sjolund

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 3 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 200 new starts, 99 uncontained large fires, 30 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 72 international personnel, 4 MAFFS, 576 crews, 1,715 engines, 212 helicopters, 28,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 10 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Feliz – Cal Fire, light fuels, active behavior, 840 acres, 5% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 20 new starts, 50 uncontained large fires, 24 CIMTs.

Old Trails – WA DNR, CA Team 7, managing Autumn Lane and Fairview, extreme behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

Autumn Lane – Extreme behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 900 acres, 0% contained.

Fairview – Extreme behavior, timber and grass, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Modrite – NR Team 3 TOC NW Team 3 tomorrow, extreme behavior, timber and litter, 50,000 acres, 19% contained.

Mitre Rock – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Hudspeth – WA DNR, timber, extreme behavior, 4,200 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NR Team 2 TOC AK Team 2 today, extreme behavior, 136,000 acres, 38% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, active behavior, burning in Tonasket, timber and grass, evacuations, 74,000 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2, extreme behavior, jumped Lake Cheland, timber and brush, evacuations, 31,500 acres, 0% contained.

McCullough Road – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, active behavior, evacuations, 26,300 acres, 0% contained.

Bench – SW Team 4, moderate behavior, 67,200 acres, 52% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – NW Tetam 2 TOC SW Team 2 today, ODF Team, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 313,000 acres, 55% contained.

Shingle – GB Team 5, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 67,000 acres, 10% contained.

Second Flat – CA Team 4, managing Coleman Creek, active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 105,000 acres, 20% contained.

Coleman Creek – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 265,000 acres, 0% contained.

Big Grass – CA Team 5, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 335,000 acres, 15% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Hagen and Horse Ridge, active behavior, light fuels, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, 38,000 acres, 8% contained.

Eggo – Extreme behavior, timber, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Round Butte – Light fuels and timber, extreme behavior, 700 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 26 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Grade – Cal Fire, light fuels, minimal behavior, 689 acres, 45% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 26 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.



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Upper Smith – NR Team 1, managing Elder 1, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 2,200 acres, 10% contained.

Elder 1 – Active behavior, timber litter, 1,200 acres, 16% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 7, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 1,300 acres, 2% contained.

Silvertip – Active behavior, timber, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Active behavior, timber, 800 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – 450 acres, 0% contained.

Moose – Moderate behavior, timber, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Ant Park – Active behavior, timber, 700 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 10 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Tartar – GB Team 3, extreme behavior, burning in community, 95,000 acres, 17% contained.

Doublesprings – Active behavior, timber and brush, 550 acres, 0% contained.

Big Rock – Light fuels, extreme behavior, evacuations, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Johnson Canyon – UT DOF, light fuels, extreme behavior, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

Black Canyon – Timber, active behavior, 150 acres, 0% contained.

Widemouth 2 – CIMT order filled, extreme behavior, communities threatened, 30,000 acres, 0% contained.

Ward – Extreme behavior, timber, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Mouse Meadow – Extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, 20,000 acres, 0% contained.

New Pass – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 31,000 acres, 43% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, light IA, 11 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Rio Blanco – Extreme behavior, timber and brush, 1,000 acres, 13% contained.

Lumin – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 7,200 acres, 5% contained.

Eastern Area: PL3, 0 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO Team.

Sioux – EA Team 1, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber litter, evacuations, 12,700 acres, 42% contained.

Little Knife – NIO Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, 4,900 acres, 85% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Kerry Jones)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Tuesday)

- Critical conditions will persist across the northern Rockies, northern Great Basin, and northern Plains through this evening as a strong cold front shifts east and south. High-risk significant fire potential where many existing fires will display extreme growth and new ignitions will be extremely resistant to control
- Westerly winds will be strongest near/east of the Divide in Montana where gusts to 50 mph are expected amid low RH of 10-20%
- Breezy west to southwest winds 15-25 mph with gusts 25-40 mph amid RH 4-12% is expected in most of the Great Basin to central Rockies
- Ahead of the strong cold front, very hot temperatures from inland California and the Southwest to the Great Basin and northern Plains today
- Widespread moderate significant fire potential, with high-risk significant potential due to the hot temperatures and high low-level instability along the Sierra Front and much of central and southern Nevada, and central and southern Utah
- 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 and Tuesday where temperatures will easily exceed 100°F in the lower elevations.
- 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

Long-term (Wednesday through next Tuesday)

- Dry and hot conditions for much of the West with maximum temperatures well above average in the Northwest, Great Basin, California, Four Corners and West Slope
- High-risk significant fire potential for dry lightning portions of southwest Colorado and the Four Corners Wednesday and Thursday as a weaker monsoon pattern develops in the Southwest for much of next week
- Along the northern periphery of the building ridge over the southern Great Basin, a belt of enhanced westerly flow should extend from the Northern Rockies to the Great Lakes reinforcing the coolness in the central and northern Plains and Upper Mississippi River Valley
- Temperatures broadly warming closer to seasonal averages for the eastern third of the U.S.
- Areas of moderate potential will continue in the southern Plains into next week, but some relief is expected in south Florida
- Watching potential for elevated to locally critical conditions for the Inland Northwest late in week



Red Flag Warnings from extending from the Canadian border south through Nevada.

National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		38	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1	113	0	
HELO TYPE2	55	0	
HELO TYPE3	72	0	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	30	0	0 T3 IMTs available.
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	88	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	137	0	
CREW TYPE 2	403		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	79	143	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4		
RAPPELERS		111	
CATERERS		0	
SHOWERS		0	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	43
TANKER	29
HELO	1
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	4
UAS	
SCOOPER	4
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	7 T1/T2IA crews, 20 T2 crews
ENGINES	5
OVERHEAD	232 – HEQB, TFLD, DIVS, SOF
PENDING	500 – 354 overhead, 96 engines, 17 T1/T2IA crews , 13 T2 crews, 20 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, weather concern was noted. Couple of new fires, one has crossed into Canada, discussing resource assistance through compact.

California – Jay Kurth

- Low IA, starts have required heavy aviation. 2 IHCs available from SOPS.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- Thumb and Wolf Pack combined grew 200 acres. NIMO Team TOC to local unit on Little Knife Tuesday 8/4 at end of shift.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, pushing PL5, light IA, 1 new and emerging incident. Prioritizing 11 large fires. 4 CIMTs requests, 2 fills. Tartar and Widemouth 2 are main concerns, FMAG in place for both. Critical need for crews, especially on Black Canyon. Checking for early up capability on GB Team 6. Met with all air tankers this morning, discussing Mouse Meadow.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Successful IA day yesterday. Sand Creek is 900 acres, setting up T3 IMT.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Working to pick pieces up, on NWCG strategy call.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- Moderate IA, potential large fire growth, maintaining PL3. Working to creatively sustain internal resources. 10 fires unstaffed, working on access.

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Jim Prevette

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Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- No issues or concerns.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

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USFS – Russ Long

- Title 10 process moving smoothly, all resources are mobilizing to WA. Appreciate cooperation and prioritization.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- All three large fires around Spokane have FMAGs. Sinlahekin also has FMAG.

NASF – Greg Smith – Mark Goeller

- Heavy IA with weather. State to state resource sharing ongoing, WA reaching out to CA for engines and wildland task forces. Lumin ordered Maine T3 IMT. Resources ordered from NC and Rhode Island to Oregon. Critical need in OR for 4 crew bosses. OR received FMAGs on 3 incidents. ID has deployed National Guard rotor wing for Big Grass, in need of management. HI working to supply overhead resources to mainland.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Working on request for 2 T1 helicopters from RM to Sinlahekin and Widemouth 2.

Discussing freeing up 1 EU helicopter from NOPS.

Rappelers remain busy.

1 lead plane hit 36:6 yesterday, is down today and will be back up tomorrow.

LAT crews briefed for potential Mouse Meadow assistance.

1 week left on MAFFS RFA. Up to 30-day RFA extension is drafted.

Working to fill 3 UMODs today.

Smokejumpers will move back to Redmond and Redding.

60 active TFRs, expect several more today.

Heavy UTFs on IAA.

Filled 2 crew orders to GB today.

Balancing crews between GB, NW and NR.

Within period of slow crew availability until 8/5.

3 CIMT orders on hold, 1 CIMT extension request pending.

3 CIMT orders filled this morning.

Runing out of starter systems (5) and command repeaters (12). Send resources back overnight.

Request slower GAs make resources available as able.

Cache refurbishing items as fast as possible but stock is running low. Expect uptick in UTFs.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, 846 active fires, 9.5 million acres burned.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Robin Cole

Requesting feedback on prioritization news release.

NMAC will make edits by 1400 on 8/2.

Robin will modify edits made by NMAC for finalization and distribution.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

Waiting for final resource numbers from Australia/New Zealand for second mobilization. FS has identified several personnel to assist.

Military

Wade and a NICC floor personnel member will be mobilizing to eastern OR to assist with Title 10 mobilization.

Mobilization location at Washington State University satellite campus remains unchanged.

DOW Aircraft

NorthCom tracking MAFFS up-to 30-day extension.

Army can provide up to 8 light medium rotor-wing with support personnel.

Navy can provide up to 6 light to medium rotor-wing and 2 medium to heavy.

NMAC should put forth upcoming request for Maj Fort to take to NorthCom for discussion.

Strong coordination required with agency aviation personnel prior to military request.

Potential to request DOW support with Title 10 deployment.

Consider how many states have exhausted Title 32 resources.

Concern with operational and staffing draw with activating DOW rotor-wing resources.

Mark will reach out to the states regarding regular National Guard use.

Title 10 aircraft is trained annually at Pendleton, able to be pulled out state.

Complex Incident Management Teams

CA Team 7 re-routed to Spokane Complex.

Fox/Powder River will go to a T3 IMT, requires SW Team 3 extension.

GB Team 2 re-routed to Widemouth 2.

NR Team 6 assigned to Paradise.

SW Team 1 assigned to Tartar.

Castle, Ward and Big Rock CIMT requests remain outstanding.

2-day extension request for SW Team 3 on Powder River. -Support

Extension request for NW Team 7.

Castle DTN 8/4 at 1600.

Big Rock DTN 8/3 evening. Potential for infrastructure and community impacts.

Ward DTN 8/3 evening. Potential for infrastructure and community impacts.

No additional CIMTs available until 8/4.

Recommend waiting for Castle, Big Rock and Ward decisions.

Reach out to IMTA for all-hazard team availability.

CIMT Coordinator will reach out to Mike Rubenstein and report back.

Potential for the international IMT to run Castle solo or with FDNY IMT. -Support

Additional NIMO personnel available to augment if requested.

NW MAC working on NW Team 7 up to 7-day extension (additional 4 with previously approved 3). -Support

