

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 3, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Kerry Jones	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Sean Peterson	Information
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Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	LJ Brown	Information
International and DOW Report Out	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: Jason Miller	☒ 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: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Robin Cole	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Mark Goeller, Hans Ohme, Brian Achziger, Dave Williams, Grant Beebe, Chief Fennessy, Sarah Fisher, Maegan Maughan, Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, Penny States, Kelly Woods, Dave Underwood, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, David Lee, Wade Clack, Beale Monday, INLOs, NASA guests, Heath Cota, Adam Mendonca, John Cervantes, Jason Bruce, Mike Reid, Perry Breitenstein, Ben Gannon, Col Little, Brian Reublinger, Kerry Jones, Eric Graff, Mark Hilton, Josh Ingle, James Johnson, Kristin Kirschner, Mike Krupski, Marcus Medina, Mike Rubenstein, Seth Morphis, Trevor Pollock, Court Wallace, Mike Henry

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 4 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 102 new starts, 102 uncontained large fires, 27 CIMTs, 2 NIMO Teams, international IMT, 59 international personnel, 4 MAFFS, 622 crews, 1,824 engines, 236 helicopters, 29,201 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 18 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Feliz – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 870 acres, 30% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 6 new starts, 50 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Old Trails – CA Team 7, managing Fairview and Autumn Lane, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 3,620 acres, 0% contained.

Autumn Lane – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 4,300 acres, 0% contained.

Fairview – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 1,050 acres, 0% contained.

Modrite – NR Team 3 TOC NW Team 3 today, managing Bradeen Hill, active behavior, timber, 49,895 acres, 17% contained.

Bradeen Hill – Moderate behavior, timber, 4,300 acres, 7% contained.

Mitre Rock – Burning northeast, light fuels, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Hudspeth – Timber, 5,350 acres, 0% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – AK Team 2, active behavior, 136,000 acres, 38% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, active behavior, 75,000 acres, 0% contained.

Ptarmigan – NIMO Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, 14,000 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2, extreme behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 51,000 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 31,571 acres, 0% contained.

Bench – SW Team 4, moderate behavior, timber, 67,200 acres, 66% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, active behavior, 306,000 acres, 53% contained.

Shingle – GB Team 5, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 70,000 acres, 17% contained.

Second Flat – CA Team 4, managing Coleman Creek, active behavior, timber, 105,400 acres, 40% contained.

Bald Mountain – Active behavior, light fuels, 78,200 acres, 37% contained.

Coleman Creek – CA Team 4, active behavior, light fuels, 274,000 acres, 18% contained.

Big Grass – CA Team 5, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 342,000 acres, 19% contained.

Powder River – SW Team 3, managing Fox and Bob Creek, minimal behavior, 21,000 acres, 96% contained.

Fox – Active behavior, grass, evacuations, 78,000 acres, 46% contained.

Bob Creek – Moderate behavior, grass, evacuations, 851 acres, 17% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber, 1,300 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, 39,000 acres, 11% contained.

Eggo – Moderate behavior, 3,770 acres, 5% contained.

Castle – CA Team 3, moderate behavior, 2,600 acres, 22% contained.

E Evans Creek Road – FL State Team 1, managing Milemarker 57, 15,580 acres, 90% contained.

Milemarker 57 – Active behavior, 96 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 15 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.



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Grade – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 690 acres, 65% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 11 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Upper Smith – NR Team 1, managing Elder 1, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 2,300 acres, 40% contained.

Elder 1 – Active behavior, timber, 1,200 acres, 40% contained.

Moose Mountain – Moderate behavior, timber, 320 acres, 0% contained.

Moose – Moderate behavior, timber, 594 acres, 0% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Active behavior, timber, 755 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – Active behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 7, active behavior, timber, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Silvertip – Moderate behavior, timber, 6,000 acres, 0% contained.

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

Middle Coulee – Grass, moderate behavior, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 13 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Tartar – GB Team 3 TOC SW Team 1 tomorrow, active behavior, 103,000 acres, 16% contained.

Doublesprings – Active behavior, timber and brush, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Big Rock – Active behavior, 2,400 acres, 0% contained.

Johnson Canyon – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 6,500 acres, 65% contained.

Black Canyon – Timber, extreme behavior, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, 60,000 acres, 0% contained.

Antelope Creek – Active behavior, 6,500 acres, 0% contained.

Ward – Extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, 8,200 acres, 0% contained.

New Pass – Active behavior, 32,000 acres, 42% contained.

Mouse Meadow – AFB, extreme behavior, 37,500 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 3 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Bluegill – FL, active behavior, southern rough, 700 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 17 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Rio Blanco – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 1,000 acres, 11% contained.

Busy day of initial attack activity in WY.

Left Creek – Timber, moderate behavior, evacuations, 282 acres, 25% contained.

Newton – 300 acres, 0% contained.

Lumin – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 7,200 acres, 50% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, all large fires look good, 1 new start, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO Team.

Thumb – EA Team 1, managing 5 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber litter, 17,300 acres, 57% contained.

Little Knife – NIMO Team 1, minimal behavior, 4,800 acres, 90% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Kerry Jones)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Wednesday)

- Breezy west to southwest winds 12-25 mph with gusts 25-35 mph amid RH 4-12% and very poor overnight recovery is expected in the central/eastern Great Basin to central Rockies today for elevated to critical conditions, with elevated conditions continuing through Wednesday as temperatures approach 100°F in the lower elevations
- Strong and dry north winds are expected east of the Divide in Wyoming to the adjacent High Plains today, with dry/breezy south winds ahead of the cold front to the south in Colorado and Kansas to the Texas Panhandle
- Hot temperatures will continue in California with temperatures approaching or exceeding 110°F in the lower elevations and temperatures near or above 100°F will spread into southwest/south-central Oregon and the Willamette Valley by midweek, with thermal troughing in south-central Oregon into northern California creating a high-risk burn environment
- Temperatures will increase by midweek across the Inland Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies with very low RH of 5-20% expected and poor overnight recovery 20-40% for mid-slopes and ridges Tuesday and Wednesday nights
- The monsoon will remain suppressed to the Mexican border where scattered wet thunderstorms are expected, with a narrow band of isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms on the northern fringe
- Hot, dry, and breezy conditions will continue in north Texas and western Oklahoma through Wednesday, while a Saharan dust layer brings breezy/dry trade winds to Puerto Rico today before subsiding midweek

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Dry and hot conditions continue into Friday for much of the West, along with very low afternoon RH and poor overnight recovery
- High-risk significant fire potential Friday into Saturday for a breakdown in the upper-level ridge, but the winds will not be as strong as observed last weekend
- Monsoon moisture will surge northward this weekend into early next week, with a day of mixed wet/dry thunderstorms and high-risk significant fire potential on the leading fringe Friday into the weekend before wet thunderstorms are expected by mid-next week across the Greater Four Corners
- Temperatures cool to near normal across the West Coast and Intermountain West early to mid-next week, but very dry conditions and little to no precipitation is likely to continue for the West Coast into the northern Rockies west of the Divide
- Periods of relief are likely to continue in Florida, but above normal temperatures will persist on the Plains, along with very dry conditions in much of Texas, Oklahoma, and the Dakotas



August outlook shows significant fire potential expected in the Pacific Northwest, Lower Mississippi Valley, southern Plains, West Gulf, parts of the Northern Rockies and northern MN. Significant fire potential in September will remain high in northern MN, Puerto Rico, the Northern Rockies, and southern Great Basin.

For October and November, there is still considerable uncertainty. Most areas revert to normal but significant fire potential remains in northern MN and Puerto Rico for October.

National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Heat and drying continues across multiple Geographic Areas.

Many areas are drying more rapidly in portions of the SW, NR and GB.

The Western Great Lakes are expecting some relief, not likely to be long term.

Monitoring the Southern Plains, Lower Mississippi Valley and Gulf Coast for higher potential.

Erratic monsoon keeps fire danger elevated in the SW.

Fuels have dried to critical thresholds in CA, ignitions with amplifiers will be challenging, especially in NOPS.

Resurging large fire potential in RM and southern GB.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	2
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	61		
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21		
HELO TYPE1	151	0	
HELO TYPE2		0	
HELO TYPE3		0	
LARGE TRANS			Utilizing to pick international resources up to bring to Boise
CIMT	27	0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	83	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	143	1	
CREW TYPE 2	414	0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	64	134	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4		
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	27	1	
SHOWERS	51	1	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	43
TANKER	4
HELO	14
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	25
UAS	3
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	2
CREWS	1 T2IA, 5 T2 crews, 6 camp crews
ENGINES	59
OVERHEAD	269 – TFLD, HEQB, SEC, RADO, SOF, DIVS, dispatch, HECM
PENDING	545 oh, 120 engines, 1 CIMT, 13 T1/T2IA crews, 30 T2 crews, 12 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, 2 new starts were staffed. 6 SMKJ committed. Monitoring east portion of the state, managing incident in coordination with Canada.

California – Jay Kurth

- Creating unique mobilizations to put local government engines and resources into the national systems, OES is working on one additional round. All other agencies are in full drawdown.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- PL2. Thumb and Wolf Pack moving towards each other, in close coordination with Canadian resources.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA. Antelope Creek stopped forward progress. Prioritizing 10 large fires. Black Canyon activated Go status evacuations. CIMT request pending for Ward.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Several good catches, moderate to heavy IA. Bobcat Lakes made significant run toward the scenic highway, that is the trigger point for evaluating a different organization.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Increased containment on several fires, setting up for thermal trough this week. Two of the Spokane fires stayed within their footprint yesterday. NW Team 3 will take command of Hudspeth and Mitre Rock. Little Giant continues to elevate. Critical needs continue to be overhead for span of control and replacement crews.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miler

- PL3, light IA. Uptick in resistance to control on several incidents.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL2, balancing drawdown with conditions, exporting resources as able.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- PL2, no issues or needs.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- Nathan Matthews memorial was on Saturday.

USFS – Russ Long

- Critical gear must be sent back to the cache system for refurbishment.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- WA state submitted request for Emergency Declaration for Yakima and Colville Tribes as well as 6 counties, discussions being held today. No indication OR meets the threshold. Tartar and Widemouth 2 both received FMAGs.

NASF – Greg Smith

- UT activated T1 National Guard helicopters. Moving resources from AZ to WA. WA added LAT to state agreement yesterday, working on additional National Guard resources.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Cedar City ATB hit all time record of 2.11 million gallons of retardant.

Ely smokejumpers were jumping early this morning.

56 active TFRs, 1,2017 TFRs YTD.

Presidential TFR in effect 8/4 and 8/5 in LA and Las Vegas.

22-26 reported UAS incursions in Spokane yesterday, Sheriff deploying counter-drone operations

MAFFS extension RFA has been submitted through September 9.

Within low period of crews until 8/5.

51 IHCs in NW a couple days ago, record high.

Expecting 33 IHCs to time out in the NW between now and 8/10, continuing to balance allocations.

Extension request for SW Team 3.

CIMT decisions on Castle and Ward.

NIIC-D has only 12 repeaters and 5 remotes, expecting to see some come back into the system.

33 starter systems deployed supporting 102 incidents.

2,150 active frequencies being utilized.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4.

Canada has received 100 firefighters from Mexico, expecting additional resources.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Robin Cole

Prioritizations news release went out yesterday.

NMAC members were added to the News Release distribution list.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Have not yet received final numbers for international resources, planning for 300.

Planning on 2 days of training for the incoming resources, including the engine training.

Brent Higbee working on a plan with the engines once final numbers are received.

Deadline for final engine numbers is 8/4 at 1200MT.

Suggest activating personnel from BIA fleet center/mechanics for 14-30 days to travel and support engines in unknown conditions. -Support

Limited flight availability from LAX into Boise, recommend sending NICC jet to pick up international resources.



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Military

Contingent of individuals heading to JBLM, will complete just in time training 8/4.

Stu will begin transporting NERV vehicles to JBLM.

Military will mobilize from JBLM to Spokane Community College Campus on 8/9.

All staffing holes for the first 14 days of the deployment have been filled.

Connected personnel with tribal contacts for appropriate communication.

Schedule separate meeting to discuss military rotor-wing resource capability.

Cache

Hose is being depleted, along with many other resources that are not coming back.

Ask GAs to send all resources back to supply and the cache system once it is no longer in use.

Potential to begin sending T2 hose.

Working to coordinate supply movement from AK.

DLA is completely out of cubies and hose.

IRMs are available.

Recommend drafting an NMAC memo for distribution regarding the dire resource situation. -

Support

Sean will request cubies and hose from Canada.

Complex Incident Management Teams

SW Team 3 extension request for full 7 days. Previously approved a 2-day extension, this adds 5 days to the extension. LWD 8/9 **Support**

Mobilizing FDNY to Castle to blend with international IMT. On days off on 8/7, FDNY will take over fire, international IMT would take Castle completely over for the duration. **Support**

Ward replacement CIMT request. Recommend filling with CA Team 8 once available on 8/5.

Support

NW Team 10 available on 8/6, each with 4 days off. **Support**

NW Team 13 available on 8/7, each with 4 days off. **Support**

If IC and Coordinating Group are agreeable to coming up prior to 7 days of unavailability, it should be communicated with the CIMT Coordinator and tracked on the glidepath.

IMT All-Hazard

Uncertain of the ability to fill any orders.

Contacting several limited teams with access to ESF4.

Reaching out to several state IMTs.

Concern with high UTF on DIVS and ICT3s.

Recommend embedding IMTAs with existing CIMTs for on line training and hand off.

Monitor team agency agreements.

