

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 4, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Maegan Maughan	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Maegan Maughan	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	LJ Brown	Information
International	Maegan Maughan	Information
Strategic Analytics Report	Rick Stratton	Information
Administration	Maegan Maughan	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: Maegan Maughan	☐ 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: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
☐ NMAC Public Affairs: Robin Cole	☐ Note-taker: Morgan Alexander	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Megan Kephart, Mark Goeller, George Geissler, Brian Achziger, Jeremy Sullens, Penny States, Michael Henry, Brian Reublinger, Beale Monday, Jake Sjoulund, Ewing Underwood, Andrew Lopez, Marcus Medina, Jason Miller, Heath Cota, Benjamin Gannon, Jason Bruce, Megan Heffentrager, Mark Hilton, Shihiming Huang, Josh Ingle, Kristin Kirschner, Col Little, John McKee, Marcus Medina, Michael Rubenstein, Seth Morphis, Brant Porter, Gordon Sachs, David Lee, Perry Brietenstein, INLO

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 5 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Maegan Maughan)

4 large contained, 18 days at PL5, 112 new starts, 99 uncontained large fires, 4 MAFFS, 72 international personnel, 583 crews, 1,560 engines, 168 helicopters, 26 CIMTs, 2 NIMO Teams, 27,448 personnel assigned. 1 15-person management team from Australia.

Northwest: PL5, 4 new starts, 50 uncontained large fires, 18 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Old Trails – CA Team 7, managing Autumn Lane and Fairview, timber and brush, moderate behavior, 3,621 acres, 0% contained.

Modrite – NW Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill, Mitre Rock and Hudspeth, timber and hardwood litter, 51,836 acres, 16% contained.

Sinlahekin - CA Team 4, grass timber, active behavior, 102,934 acres, 5% contained.

Ptarmigan- NIMO team 3, timber and brush, moderate behavior, 1,905 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant- CA Team 2, timber and brush, extreme behavior, 59,346 acres, established on both sides of Lake Chelan, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, timber and grass, active behavior, 3,088 acres growth, 34,659 acres, 17 contained.

Second Flat - CA Team 4, managing Coleman Creek, timber and light fuels, active behavior, 105,400 acres, 55 contained,

Coleman Creek – 274,600 acres, 23% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7, NR Team 6 mobilizing, managing Hagen and Horse Ridge, timber and light fuels, active behavior, 1,400 acres, 0% contained.

Hat – CA Team 5, managing Big Grass, minimal behavior, 44,000 acres, 99% contained.

Big Grass – Active behavior, 346,757 acres, 25% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, light fuels and timber, active behavior, 323,951 acres, 60% contained.

Castle – CA Team 3, moderate behavior, 2,700 acres, 30% contained.

Shingle – GB Team 5, managing Coyote and Henry, grass and timber, moderate behavior, 75,931 acres, 33% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 21 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Gann – Light fuels, active behavior, 1,800 acres, 0% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 6 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Griffin – Timber, active behavior, 1,000 acres, 15% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 7, active behavior, 2,400 acres, 0% contained.

Upper smith – NR Team 1, managing Elder 1, minimal behavior, timber, 2,300 acres, 40% contained.

Elder 1 – Active behavior, timber, 1,200 acres, 52% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 8 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, 79,313 acres, 0% contained.

Tartar – GB Team 3 TOC SW Team 1 today, active behavior, 137,533 acres, 13% contained.

Ward – Extreme behavior, 8,200 acres, 0% contained.

Black Canyon – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 1800 acres, 0% contained.



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Southern Area: PL2. Texas and OK have seen some increased activity.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 8 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – RM Team 3 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, 101,900 acres, 71% contained.

Gold Mountain – RM Team 1, managing Elk, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 39,500 acres, 71% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

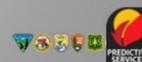
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- Areas of breezy west to southwest winds 12-25 mph with gusts 25-35 mph amid RH 4-12% and very poor overnight recovery is expected to continue today in the eastern Great Basin, northern Arizona, and West Slope, with more localized breezes Wednesday as temperatures approach 100°F in the lower elevations
- 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 tomorrow, with thermal troughing in central Oregon creating a high-risk burn environment today. Locally breezy east winds are also expected into tomorrow for the Columbia Gorge and southwest Oregon
- Temperatures will increase by midweek across the Inland Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies with temperatures well above normal by Thursday
- Very dry air will spread across most of the western U.S. Wednesday into Friday with very low minimum RH 3-15% and poor overnight recovery of 15-35%, locally lower, creating very long burn periods from the east slopes of the Coast Ranges to near the Continental Divide
- 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 creating locally high-risk significant fire potential in the Four Corners
- Hot, dry, and breezy conditions will continue in north Texas and western Oklahoma through Wednesday, with slightly moderated conditions later in the week and modest relief is expected in Florida

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- Dry and hot conditions continue into Friday and Saturday 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 modest breakdown in the upper-level ridge across the northwestern U.S. 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. However, the periphery of the monsoon will continue to be monitored for mixed wet/dry lightning in the Great Basin to northern Rockies
- 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
- 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



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		3	
AIR ATTACK		37	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT		61	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS			
HELO TYPE1	115	0	
HELO TYPE2	52	0	
HELO TYPE3	69	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	83	0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	51	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	406	150	
CREW TYPE 2			
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	81	122	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	8	6	
RAPPELERS		115	
CATERERS	29	0	
SHOWERS	55	1	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	3
ENGINES	55
OVERHEAD	253- COMT, DIVS, DISPATCH, EMTF, HEQB, RADO, SEC, SAFETY, TFLD
PENDING	



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, watching eastern interior area of concern. USWFS drawdown meeting. Historical note- first fire jump on AK panhandle yesterday.

California – Jay Kurth

- Gann incident, excess 3,000 acres, grass and brush, impact to repeater sites and dispersed communities, fire burned active all night, Cal Fire Team inbriefing at 1600. Two IWI, large resource order being placed, potential for long-duration.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, no new or emerging incidents, prioritizing 9 large incidents. Critical needs include working multiple surge angles, keeping resources as they come available.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

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Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Light IA. Expecting growth on Grasshopper. Little Giant moving east towards high population area. Castle has potential to move around, navigating to CIMT if behavior increases. Shingle is confident on going back to T3 team. Fox working on a critical piece of indirect line then hopefully back to T3. Working to free up rappel ship, TFLD, and HEQB. Critical needs include CIMT replacements.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, fuels coming into alignment for large fire growth. Expect moisture, more potential for development large fire growth.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

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Southwest – Mike Spilde

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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

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USFS – Russ Long

- Would like to discuss national interagency cache support via RFA. 1 NIMO Team available on 14th.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Emergency tack two tribes 6 counties. Esf4 stood up in NW.

NASF – Greg Smith

- Utah concerned with Black Canyon. Cal Fire Team 6 activated for Gann. Possible state cache support to federal system.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Moved 1 rappel ship out of NW to RM to support IA needs.

1 LAT bumping 36/6, trying to manage that to avoid putting it down tomorrow.

3 LAT UTFs for SOPS prepositions.

UAS is fully committed, primary hold is UMOD supervisors needing R&R.

Moving SMKJ out of Redmond to Eugene, ½ load left in Redmond.

59 active TFRs, 1 temporary tower in Burns.

2 days of reduced crew availability before uptick with 3 crews available tomorrow, 3 available

Thursday, and 7 crews available at the end of the week.

Seeing better returns on repeaters and starter kits.

21 command repeaters avail today, 4330s being refurbished. Still need things sent back.

National resources may be reallocated to meet higher priority and obligations.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Maegan Maughan

Finalized international numbers: 242 personnel

Arriving on August 11 or 12.

Considering utilizing the NICC Jet to transport personnel from San Francisco to Boise.

112 engine personnel, 14 misc. overhead, 4 crews.

Good coordination meetings occurring, working on day 1 and day 2 trainings.

20 responses on the engine request so far.

International personnel day 12 is a down day, day 14 would restart day 1.

3 international engine drivers can be tied to 1 federal resource. ENGB and liaison also tied in.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Robin Cole

NTR

Military- Major West

Logistics cache potential for RFA.

5-10 person team for cache labor.

Would like to utilize National Guard via Title 32 for OR and WA.

Schedule call with caches to discuss timing on back haul of supplies.

Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Complex Incident Management Teams

Extension request for GB Team 5 on Shingle for up to 5 days, LWD 8/13. -Support

Extension request for CA Team 4 on Second Flat for 7 days, LWD 8/16. -Support

Replacement CIMT request for Little Giant DTN 8/8.

Replacement CIMT request for Grasshopper DTN 8/9.

NW will have 4 CIMTs available (8, 9, 10, and 13) by DTN.

Recommend allowing NW to fill Little Giant and Grasshopper internally. -Support

RM Team 2 available 8/6.

SA Team 1 and 2 available 8/8.

All-Hazard IMTs

NJ, PA, and SC all have the capability to build and mobilize All-Hazard IMTs now.

NJ has a robust team of up to 30 personnel, SC has 12-14 personnel, both are self-sufficient.

Target incident would be needed to work through the funding and mobilization mechanisms.

Consider state teams not tied in with agreements that could mobilize through EERA.

8 state teams have access to utilizing the master agreement.

All teams would need ESF4 backing.

Revisit during an evening meeting for further discussion.

International

Solidify targeted GAs area.

Cache

Cache is reviewing the supply memo and making edits.

NMAC Supply memo will be distributed this afternoon.

Some states may have the capability to provide hose.

LJ Brown will work to identify a POC for any supply assistance and updates.

Concern with varying state cache refurbishment and testing standards on hose compared to the national testing standards.

Option to add a flyer to the state hose for awareness if desired.

PDS Follow-up

Particularly Dangerous Situation memo was sent out and posted on Friday.

IMETs on fires received the memo communication but there was some confusion.

Little work was added the day of distribution but IMETs were able to communicate the PDS to many of the incidents.

Some GAs felt behind the power curve in distribution, desire for strong communication on the front end moving forward.

Feedback received for the good information and talking points for understanding PDS as a new product.

CA FS highlighted safety stand down, uncertain what dissemination looked like through lower levels.

