

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 5, 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: Paul Lundgren
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Dave Williams	☒ Northwest: Richard Parrish
☒ 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: Rebecca Paterson	☒ 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: Court Wallace
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Robin Cole	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, Mark Goeller, Brian Fennessy, Jim Prevette, Dave Williams, Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, Mike Mattfeldt, David Lee, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Mike Henry, James Johnson, Kristin Kirschner, Lindsey Lewis, Col Little, Heath Cota, Sarah Fisher, INLO, Wade Clack, Mike Krupski, Beau Dobberstein, Josh Ingle, Marcus Medina, Brant Porter, Penny States, Dave Underwood, Mike Rubenstein

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 5 August 2026, 1600-1700

Thursday, 6 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Maegan Maughan)

PL5, 97 new starts, 94 uncontained large fires, 27 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, 59 international personnel, 1 international IMT, 28,700 personnel assigned.

Northwest: PL5, 49 uncontained large fires, 18 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

High Lava – Heavy growth, timber, 100 acres.

Old Trails – CA Team 7, managing Fairview and Autumn Lane, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 3,600 acres, 0% contained.

Autumn Lane – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 5,800 acres, 0% contained.

Modrite – NW Team 3, timber, evacuations, 51,800 acres, 35% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, extreme behavior, light fuels, 120,000 acres, 9% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2, extreme behavior, 70,800 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 7 TOC NR Team 6 tomorrow, managing Hagen and Horse Ridge, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, active behavior, 39,400 acres, 19% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, active behavior, 318,000 acres, 57% contained.

Big Grass – Active behavior, 358,900 acres, 35% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 23 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Gann – Cal Fire, Cal Fire Team 6, extreme behavior, 7,000 acres, 0% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 7 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

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

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

Great Basin: PL4, 7 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Bare – Bridger Teton NF, 500 acres.

Tartar – SW Team 1, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 138,200 acres, 41% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, 87,200 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL4, 6 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Aspen Acres – RM Team 3 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber, 101,961 acres, 71% contained.

Elk – RM Team 1, managing Gold Mountain, timber, 2,700 acres, 44% contained.

Southwest: PL2, uptick in IA.

Frijoles – Becoming established, steep terrain, aviation ordered, 10 acres, 0% contained.

L Bar Ranch – 170 acres, 5% contained.

Frio – 12 acres, 19% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

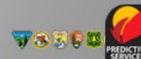
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- 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 today, and into the northern Intermountain West tomorrow and Friday
- Very dry air will spread across most of the western U.S. through 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
- Locally breezy winds today in the eastern Great Basin creating elevated conditions, with elevated conditions likely Friday in portions of the northwestern U.S. amid a flattening of the ridge amid the continued hot and very dry conditions
- 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 today, with slightly moderated conditions tomorrow into Friday due to increased RH and isolated thunderstorms
- Continued warm in eastern Alaska into next week, with elevated potential in the Upper Tanana Valley

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Modest breakdown of the upper-level ridge this weekend across northern portions of the West with persistent, locally windy conditions in the Cascade gaps with breezy westerly winds for much of the Inland Northwest, northern Great Basin, and the northern Rockies
- Winds this weekend will not be as strong nor as widespread as observed this past weekend
- Increasing monsoon moisture across Arizona and far western New Mexico beginning Sunday with wet thunderstorm coverage in the Southwest improving day-to-day through much of next week, gradually shifting eastward late
- The periphery of the monsoon will be watched for isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms in the Sierra Nevada, central and southern Great Basin, southeast California, and the central/northern Rockies capable of many new ignitions
- 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, the Dakotas, and increasing potential in the Lower Mississippi Valley due an expected heat wave



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

NTR

National Strategic Analytics Report (Rick Stratton)

1 – NW, 2 – GB, 3 – RM

Little Giant is a particular concern based on historical evidence.

Roughly 25 of the 42 fires analyzed are expected to linger.

NW has far more active fire perimeter than any other GA.

77 large fires reporting completed fire lines.

NW, NR, GB and RM are within historical fireline effectiveness.



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Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT			
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		21	
HELO TYPE1	122	0	
HELO TYPE2	52	0	
HELO TYPE3	71	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	25	0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	75	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	155	0	
CREW TYPE 2	414	104	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	75	130	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	9	
RAPPELERS		121	
CATERERS	30	0	
SHOWERS	54	1	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	7
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	253 – dispatch, HEQB, SEC, COMC, RADO, SOF
PENDING	320 oh, 58 crews, 48 engines, 1 fixed wing, 15 helicopters



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

- PL1, no new fires, drying trend impacted Tatlanika causing a 25,000-acre run.

California – Jay Kurth

- Gann incident, 10% contained, 7,000 acres, working to complete large firing operation, FMAG approved. 130-acre fire on Kern County, mobilized a lot of aircraft.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- PL2, light IA, focus on utilizing local resources.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, 2 new and emerging incidents, prioritizing 9 large incidents. Bare mobilizing T3 IMT.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL4, light IA.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- 42,000 acres on existing incidents. Concerns with upcoming crew cliff starting August 11. Critical needs include crews and overhead. Monitoring Castle with upcoming weather. NW Team 12 assigned to Little Giant, NW Team 8 assigned to Grasshopper. Evaluating possibility to branch Fox from Tartar organization. Request to hold onto remaining scoopers. Working to get cache items back into the system. Canada reached out regarding plans on Sinlahekin incident.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- PL3, Elk evaluating replacement resources internally. Indian Creek in CO, evacuations, trying to manage internally. Supporting Bare incident in GB.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

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Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- PDS was distributed, Predictive Services is working in lockstep. Butte, on San Carlos Agency, 350 acres. No issues or concerns.
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NMAC Agency Updates

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NASF – Greg Smith

- UT has two new starts, one with structures lost. 4 T3 IMTs needed in CO.

NMAC Operations Report Out

PC12 configured as air attack, coming down from AK to Tartar.

Looking at additional PC12 for SMKJ transport.

Rappel ship moved from NW to RM.

Working to move 2 single engine scoopers down from AK, managers have been identified.

All 4 MAFFS were active yesterday, MAFFS 6 down today in McClellan.

MAFFS will be operational later today pending pre-flight inspection.

Reno Air Guard is staffing, available to provide 5th MAFFS aircraft between 8/15 and 8/20.

Several TFRS released yesterday.

No security TFR in Spokane will be requested.

2 IHCs available in SW today, filling to NW.

Prioritizing crews to NW to lessen internal crew cliff coming up.

Anticipate slight reduction in crew capacity based on SW crews reaching end of season.

NMAC cache memo was distributed yesterday.

State cache support discussion is still on hold.



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Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Tentative flights coming in 2 waves on August 11 and August 12.

Training will be staggered between August 13 and 14.

Vehicles and engines are coming together.

Request for 16 radio kits, 256 radios, has been made.

It makes sense to issue radios from NIIC-D at Boise rather than from individual incidents.

Monitor the number of radios to support all field resources including military as well.

Recommend identifying true need of supplying radios to the international contingent with the understanding they will be tied in with federal personnel and engines may also have radios equipped.

Request for remote speaker mics, current kits come with 4, and there are not resources to fulfill that request.

Potential for radios from Australia working in the US.

Revisit at 1600 meeting 8/5.

Military

Half battalion will be referred to as Taskforce Tomahawk.

Infantry battalion-123

Logistical pieces making their way to the base camp.

Wade is flying out this afternoon to provide local support for the military deployment in OR.

Uncertain of the radio needs, but don't believe there should be any additional.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Remind CIMT Coordinators that information must be sent to Jesse daily by 1000 MST.

NW Team 10 and RM Team 2 will be available tomorrow.

Big Grass expecting CA Team 5 extension request.

SW Team 3 on Powder River evaluating upcoming needs.

Little Giant will be filled with NW Team 12.

Grasshopper will be filled with NW Team 8.

Follow up on GB Team 6.

Confirmed three All-Hazard IMTs

