

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 6, 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 Peterson	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	LJ Brown	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: Dave Williams	☒ Northwest: Richard Parrish
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Harold Riggs
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Perry Breitenstein	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: LJ Brown	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: Brian Reublinger	☒ 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:
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Robin Cole	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, Mark Goeller, Grant Beebe, Megan Kephart, John Teutrine, Jason Miller, Nick Nauslar, Jason Bruce, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Josh Ingle, James Johnson, Mike Krupski, Col Little, Andrew Lopez, Marcus Medina, Mike Rubenstein, Trevor Pollock, Wade Clack, Lindsey Lewis, John Cervantes, Brant Porter, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Dave Underwood

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 7 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Maegan Maughan)

PL5, 100 new starts, 86 uncontained large fires, 25 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 72 international personnel, 4 MAFFS, 650 crews, 1,724 engines, 29,699 personnel assigned.

Northwest: PL5, 10 new starts, 44 uncontained large fires, 16 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.
Old Trails – CA Team 7, managing Autumn Lane and Fairview, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 3,500 acres, 5% contained.
Modrite – NW Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill, Hudspeth, and Mitre Rock, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 53,700 acres, 39% contained.
Bradeen Hill – Active behavior, timber, 4,400 acres, 44% contained.
Mitre Rock – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,400 acres, 0% contained.
Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, active behavior, 120,692 acres, 20% contained.
Little Giant – CA Team 2, extreme behavior, 74,200 acres, 1% contained.
Grasshopper – CA Team 6, active behavior, 43,224 acres, 20% contained.
Paradise – NW Team 7 TOC NR Team 6 today, managing Hagen, active behavior, 1,664 acres, 0% contained.
Hagen – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 40,800 acres, 11% contained.
Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 340,270 acres, 62% contained.
Big Grass – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 358,911 acres, 39% contained.
Wrights Spring – OR, NW Team 8 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 1,200 acres.

South Ops: PL3, 13 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.
Buzzard – Active behavior, 500 acres, 10% contained.
Gann – Cal Fire Team 6, active behavior, light fuels, 10,300 acres, 19% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, light IA, 16 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.
Upper Smith – NR Team 1 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, 2,300 acres, 41% contained.
Bobcat Lakes – Active behavior, timber, 1,800 acres, 0% contained.
Moose – Moderate behavior, timber, 875 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, 11 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.
Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 87,200 acres, 10% contained.
Ward – CA Team 8, active behavior, timber, 8,775 acres, 5% contained.
Tartar – SW Team 1, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 147,400 acres, 53% contained.
Bare – Moderate behavior, timber, 800 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, light IA, 6 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.
Elk – RM Team 1, active behavior, timber, 2,900 acres, 40% contained.
Aspen Acres – RM Team 3 TOC local unit yesterday, minimal behavior, timber, 101,961 acres, 68% contained.



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Southwest: PL2, 12 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Frijoles – 20-30 acres, closely monitoring.

Sand Springs – 30 acres, closely monitoring.

Reopening ABQ ATB tomorrow.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

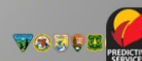
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Saturday)

- Hot temperatures will continue in California with temperatures approaching or exceeding 110°F in the lower elevations and temperatures near or above 100°F in southwest/south-central Oregon today, and into the northern Intermountain West today through Saturday
- 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 amid the hot and very dry conditions will create areas of high-risk significant fire potential in the northern half of the West today through Saturday
- 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, southern Great Basin, and central Sierra through Saturday and several new ignitions expected
- Periods of hot, dry, and breezy conditions will continue in north Texas and western Oklahoma into Saturday, although increased RH is expected today and isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms could result in new ignitions today into Friday
- Continued warm in eastern Alaska into next week, with elevated potential in the Upper Tanana Valley

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- A flattening of the upper-level ridge continues for much of the northern half of the West Sunday with persistent weak troughing over the Pacific Northwest and northern California first half of next week
- Highest confidence in isolated dry thunderstorms over portions of the Great Basin early next week, but a potential increase in the coverage of scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms over much of the Intermountain West may lead to many new ignitions following an extended hot, dry period
- Temperatures up to 20 degrees above normal for inland California early next week, with readings in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys 105°F to 115°F, while cooler-than-average temperatures expected in Arizona, much of western New Mexico, the southern Great Basin and portions of the West Slope owing to increased monsoon moisture and scattered wet thunderstorms
- Very hot temperatures in the southern Plains with parts of northwest Texas and Oklahoma expected to see readings at or above 100°F much of next week which may spread into the Lower Mississippi Valley
- Hot, dry, and breezy conditions combined with critically dry fuels will result in moderate potential, especially across southern Puerto Rico and the U.S.V.I.



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Two Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories will likely be distributed today.



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Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT		61	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		21	
HELO TYPE1	122	0	
HELO TYPE2	52	0	
HELO TYPE3	70	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	23	1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	75	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	154	0	
CREW TYPE 2	412	127	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	75	141	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	11	
RAPPELERS		103	
CATERERS	28	1	
SHOWERS	55	2	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	13
AIR ATTACK	
IR	10
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2
ENGINES	12
OVERHEAD	264
PENDING	155 overhead, 47 crews, 5 engines, 9 rotor-wing



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, monitoring eastern portion of AK. Mobilizing resources to Tanlehekin.

California – Jay Kurth

- Gann is 10,373 acres, 26% contained, reporting good success on burn operation, mitigated threat to critical infrastructure. Gann had difficulty filling many resources, local government UTF'd many T3 engines.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- PL2, light activity, northeastern MN remains the focus.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL5, light IA, 1 new and merging. Crew cliff upcoming on Tartar, appreciate critical scooper support.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL4, Upper Smith TOC today at 1800 with T3 IMT. Elder 1 TOC local unit yesterday. Significant growth on all fires in southeastern MT. Potential for scooper request.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Light IA, 1 emerging fire. Critical need for overhead and all crew types. Challenges continue with Big Grass, particularly on the south side, CIMT replacement expected for team off national rotation. Fox CIMT times out Sunday, will not be branching with Tartar, working on T3 IMT. Expect CIMT requests for Sinlahekin and Rowe Creek Complex. NW Team 10 reserved for Grasshopper. Discussing international IMT assigned to Castle, negotiating CIMT replacement to support international IMT personnel.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, light to moderate IA, balancing drawdown. 3,800 active perimeter acres on Elk.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL2, uptick in activity in the Gulf Coast. State of Texas has elevated to PL3.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- PL2, light to moderate IA, mostly in northern NM. No critical needs, appreciate aviation support.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- John Titron will be acting for the next week, Josh Acosta will be the back-up.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- FEMA HQ contracting for 2 base camps to be staged in WA for potential support to state firefighting resources, tracking 7 FMAGs between WA and ID.

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

BLM T1 helicopter down mechanical, should be available this afternoon.

T1 EU moving from EA to NW today.

T1 coming online in GB today.

SMKJ demobilizing from Moab back to Ely, Price flew early this morning.

1,265 YTD, 50+ active TFRs.

1 national NIROPS out of service yesterday, return to service unknown.

2/3 night flying IAA aircraft and all day aircraft available.

Title 10 military advanced party departs tomorrow for camp, remainder of the military resources will mobilize Saturday.

GB, SW and NW

7 crews available tomorrow, 4 available Saturday.

All CIMT requests and rationale must be submitted to Jesse by 1000 MST.

Working through international resource radio needs.

Liaison Report Out

Safety – Persephone Whelan

N/A



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NMAC Public Affairs – Robin Cole

NIMO support group working with military has created a pocket card with military counterparts outlining the network.

All future military public affairs releases will go through the support group.

International news release ready for NMAC review over the weekend.

Release will be posted on 8/10.

Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

All engines should be in Boise prior to 8/11 for inspection.

Have received flight information for a majority of the international resources.

Will pick personnel up in CA with NICC Jet and transport to Boise.

Working on final draft of training plan.

Military

Wade and Jenn are plugged in at Northeast Washington Coordination Center to order support for the military.

Family question and answer session with IMT is being held tonight.

Base camp will be in Inchelium, WA.

Expanded dispatch will be in Colville, WA.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Big Grass/Hat requesting CIMT.

Powder River will not be requesting a replacement CIMT.

Suppression Memo

Drafting an NMAC memo reinforcing the use of CIMTs and firefighting resources for suppression and away from repair.

Memo will be sent out this afternoon for review.

Finalize and distribute 8/7.

