

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 7, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	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 and DOW Report Out		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: John Teutrine	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Maegan Maughan	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☐ Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ 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: 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, Chief Fennessy, Mark Goeller, Hans Ohme, Dave Williams, Jason Miller, Steve Miller, Walker Craig, Megan Kephart, Sean Peterson, Josh Acosta, Karis Collet, Col Little, Jason Bruce, Heat Cota, Beau Dobberstein, John Cervantes, Ben Gannon, Dustin Gardner, Eric Graff, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Shihming Huang, James Johnson, Kristin Kirschner, Marcus Medina, Mike Rubenstein, Trevor Pollock, Ricardo Reynoso, SFC Buck, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Dave Underwood, INLO, Jake Sjolund, Kelin Crill

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 8 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Maegan Maughan)

PL5, 95 new starts, 95 uncontained large fires, 24 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 635 crews, 1,897 engines, 30,132 personnel assigned.

Northwest: PL5, 5 new starts, 48 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Modrite – NW Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill, Hudspeth, and Mitre Rock, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 54,774 acres, 60% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, extreme behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 126,807 acres, 26% contained.

Ptarmigan – NIMO Team 3, active behavior, timber, 17,200 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, 77,500 acres, 1% contained.

Three Queens – Active behavior, timber, 502 acres, 0% contained.

High Lava - Active behavior, timber, 409 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, active behavior, timber, 48,344 acres, 23% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, 346,133 acres, 64% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber, 8,722 acres, 0% contained.

Woodrat Mountain – Timber, active behavior, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Cottonwood – OR DOF, timber and brush, active behavior, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Big Grass – CA Team 5, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 442,316 acres, 39% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 2 uncontained large, fires, 1 CIMT.

Ivanpah – 178 acres, 0% contained.

Gann – Cal Fire Team 6, minimal behavior, light fuels, 10,374 acres, 33% contained.

Buzzard – Kern County FD, moderate behavior, light fuels, 895 acres, 25% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 9 new starts, 15 uncontained large fire, 2 CIMTs.

Big Buffalo – Active behavior, grass, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Fullers Coulee – Active behavior, grass, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Slough Grass – Active behavior, timber and grass, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Black Bear – Moderate behavior, 140 acres, 0% contained.

Moose – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Active behavior, timber, 2,700 acres, 0 contained.

Sand Creek – Active behavior, timber, 1,600a acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, 15 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Tartar – SW Team 1, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 153,200 acres, 66% contained.

Lake – Payette NF, 40 acres, 0% contained.

Ward – CA Team 8, active behavior, timber, 8,775 acres, 27% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 99,485 acres, 19% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, MS seeing increase in fire activity.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 6 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.



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310 – Extreme behavior, residences threatened, grass, 331 acres, 0% contained.

Elk – RM Team 1, RM Team 2 mobilizing, managing Gold Mountain, active behavior, timber, 5,100 acres, 40% contained.

Gold Mountain – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 39,500 acres, 90% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

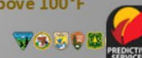
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- 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 northern two-thirds of the Intermountain West through the weekend, with very low minimum RH 5-15% and poor overnight recovery of 15-35%, locally lower, creating very long burn periods
- 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 the weekend
- The monsoon will slowly migrate northward, with wetter thunderstorms expected in the Southwest by Sunday, but high-risk significant fire potential is likely on the northern fringe for much of the central/southern Great Basin this weekend
- Increased RH is expected in the Lower Mississippi Valley with scattered thunderstorms to temporarily ease conditions through the weekend, but hot, dry, and breezy conditions are likely to return to the southern Plains Sunday
- Continued warm and day in eastern Alaska into next week, with elevated potential in the Upper Tanana Valley
- Hot, dry, and breezy conditions combined with critically dry fuels will result in high-risk significant potential in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and moderate potential for much of next week

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Isolated dry thunderstorms possible over portions of the northern Great Basin Monday-Tuesday, but an overall increase in the coverage of scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms across much of the Intermountain West may lead to many new ignitions following an extended hot, dry period
- High-risk significant fire potential for lightning for portions of northeast Wyoming, eastern Montana and the western Dakotas Monday and Tuesday
- Temperatures near to slightly above normal in the Inland Northwest, but remaining above normal for inland California, northern Great Basin, into Wyoming and western Montana
- Much improved monsoon moisture in the Southwest will also contribute to wetter thunderstorm coverage farther north for much of the southern Great Basin and West Slope, with cooler-than-average temperatures likely for much of Arizona and parts of western and northern New Mexico
- 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 along with drier-than-normal conditions



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

30,000 personnel assigned has only been sustained for a period of 11 days in 2020.

2 new Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories in southwest ID, eastern NV and central UT.

Significant drying occurs across the West.

Most PSAs at critical fuels thresholds, many above 97th percentile and matching records.

Monitoring the Southern Plains for increased activity.



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Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		23	2
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT		61	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		21	
HELO TYPE1	122	0	
HELO TYPE2	51	0	
HELO TYPE3	70	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	21	1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	75	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	164	1	
CREW TYPE 2	417	164	Have not yet reached a point where a T2 crew order has not be able to be filled.
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	84	137	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	11	
RAPPELERS		95	
CATERERS	28	0	
SHOWERS	55	1	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	25 fixed wing
TANKER	
HELO	13
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2
ENGINES	12
OVERHEAD	264 – COMC, DIVS, HEQB, TFLD, SEC
PENDING	155 overhead, 47 engines, 5 crews, 4 fixed-wing, 9 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- NTR

California – Jay Kurth

- Ivanpah reported as WFS incident, 170 acres, approval for retardant use. Gann reported as 40% contained, evacuations are being reduced, demobilizing resources.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Stever Miller

- Limited growth on Bear Trap. CIMT replacement request has been submitted behind EA Team.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL5, light IA, 1 new and emerging incident, prioritizing 8 large fires.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Moose was active yesterday, triggered evacuations. Bobcat Lakes and Sand Creek were extremely active, reached trigger point for CIMT order.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Dozer entrapment yesterday. Light IA, 1 emerging incident, 69,000 acres, large fire growth. Spokane fires are stabilizing, turned more structural. Highway 35 near Grasshopper has been closed for 9 miles. Big Grass is spotting south, NW Team 10 assigned. Potential team replacement on Sinlahekin for additional Cal Fire IMT. Discussing Tartar taking over Fox. Working through plans for Hagen and Paradise. High Lava and Luna are potential CIMT candidates. Good success with Cottonwood, ODF CIMT order was cancelled.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- T3 IMT ordered for 310. Critical need for T2IA crews or better.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

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Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- PL2, moderate IA in NM. ABQ ATB is open.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

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USFS – Russ Long – John Teutrine

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- ODF has 3 teams available. National Guard helicopters remain active in many states.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Rappel active in Olympic National Forest yesterday.

MAFFS 6 is back in service.

32 UMODs deployed yesterday, 2 pending orders.

SMKJ pending orders and boost requests this morning, moving to get them best situated for IA.

IAA back to total capacity.

MMAs for WA and UT have been heavily utilized.

TX FS has purchased 3 detection aircraft.

Title 10 advanced party is headed to camp location, the remainder of the contingent will mobilize to camp location on 8/9.

4 IHCs allocated to NW.

33 crews will come back into the system over the next 7 days.

NIIC-D can support the incoming international mobilization with 11 radio kits.

Several national rotor-wing and IHC resources continue to sit with little activity.

CWN aircraft are being utilized prior to EU, indicating a hold of resources.

Recommend moving T2 EU helicopter from NW to SOPS allowing the relocation of a T1 EU from SOPS to GB. -Support



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Liaison Report Out

Safety – Persephone Whelan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Robin Cole

International news release was approved by NMAC, will be posted on 8/10.

Military.com requesting information surrounding military mobilization decision criteria.

Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

Working with NICC Jet vendor to pick up international resources from LAX and San Francisco.

International IMT slated for GB will be integrated with NV Team 2.

Request international IMT slated for NW is integrated with a solid T3 Team.

Canada has offered the use of two Q400 airtankers and a bird dog, available Sunday.

Aircraft will be inspected and carded in Boise on Sunday.

LAT fleet utilization running around 50th percentile per day for the last 30 days.

Single digit UTFs for airtankers over the last week.

1 additional MAFFS tail available on 8/15 if needed.

Consider team traveling up to Canada to redcard and inspect aircraft so they are available for utilization when needed.

Potential for the aircraft to bump directly down into the US from their current eastern Canada location for inspection and carding.

Discussions needed with Airspace Coordinators.

Revisit on 8/8.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Bear Trap CIMT request DTN 8/11 at 0800.

Expecting CIMT orders for Three Queens (NW), Bobcat Lakes (NR) and Sand Creek (NR).

No CIMTs available today.

Next CIMT available 8/9.

NW Team 13 not yet assigned, available on 8/9.

2 all-hazard area teams within EA could be utilized for other needs while Bear Trap is requesting a CIMT.

Powder River/Fox/Tartar to SW Team 1, GB would like to see a rationale.

Request NMAC support SW Team 1 take Powder River under Tartar delegation. Locally, the conversation has been had with agreement.

There is no rationale needed to lump fires under 1 CIMT. Communications should occur between GAs and brought to NMAC if agreement is not reached.

All rationales should be sent to Jesse prior to the meeting.

Revisit CIMTs 8/7 at 1600 MST.

Cache

Starting to see refurbishment in the NW cache system.

Continue to see more items going out than coming in.

Unsure who could use National Guard cache support.

OR and MT would entertain National Guard cache crews.

Mike will follow up with NASF.

