

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 8, 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	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: Jon Teutrine	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Miller
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Dave Williams	☒ Northwest: Richard Parrish
☒ Southern Area: Jim Prevette	☒ 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, Grant Beebe, Chief Fennessy, Hans Ohme, Josh Acosta, Maegan Maughan, Jeremy Sullens, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Col Little, INLO, Mike Henry, Dave Underwood, Beau Dobberstein, James Johnson, Mike Krupski, Jason Bruce, Kristin Kirschner, Trevor Pollock, Ricardo Reynoso, Marcus Medina

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, 9 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 83 new starts, 97 uncontained large fires, 26 CIMTs, 1 NIMO, 4 MAFFS, 661 crews, 1,856 engines, 204 helicopters, 30,636 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, light IA, 12 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Milepost 18 – Timber, active behavior, 300+ acres, 0% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 10 starts, 46 uncontained large fires, 17 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Grand Park 2 – Extreme behavior timber, evacuations, 200+ acres.

Three Queens – NW Team 13 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 881 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2, NW Team 12 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber and brush, 97,500 acres, 1% contained.

Prairie Mountain – WA DNR, slash and timber, active behavior, 125 acres, 0% contained.

Ptarmigan – NIMO Team 3, active behavior, 21,400 acres, 4% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, extreme behavior, evacuations, 129,000 acres, 28% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – AK Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 137,000 acres, 54% contained.

Modrite – NW Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill, Hudspeth and Mitre Rock, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 56,000 acres, 57% contained.

Old Trails – CA Team 7, managing Autumn Lane and Fairview, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 3,556 acres, 43% contained.

Unnamed – WA, active behavior, light fuels, 8,000 acres.

Paradise – NR Team 6, active behavior, timber, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 44,000 acres, 11% contained.

Powder River – SW Team 3, managing Fox, minimal behavior, grass, evacuations, 21,000 acres, 96% contained.

Fox – Moderate behavior, grass, 79,000 acres, 63% contained.

Big Grass – CA Team 5, active behavior, grass, 466,000 acres, 41% contained.

Second Flat – CA Team 4, managing Coleman Creek, minimal behavior, timber, 105,400 acres, 82% contained.

Coleman Creek – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 308,700 acres, 82% contained.

Hat – Light fuels, 42,122 acres, 99% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8, extreme behavior, timber, 20,000 acres, 0% contained.

Woodrat Mountain – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 300 acres, 15% contained.

Castle – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 3,600 acres, 62% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, active behavior, spotted over Highway 26, 352,000 acres, 73% contained.

Shingle – GB Team 5, active behavior, grass and timber, 73,100 acres, 70% contained.

Bench – SW Team 4, minimal behavior, 67,000 acres, 86% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, active behavior, timber, 49,600 acres, 23% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 13 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Ridge – LA County, brush, active behavior, 1,000 acres, 30% contained.

Buzzard – Kern County, minimal behavior, light fuels, 895 acres, 54% contained.

Gann – Cal Fire Team 6, minimal behavior, light fuels, 10,300 acres, 54% contained.



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Northern Rockies: PL4, 6 new starts, 15 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Upper Smith – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,000 acres, 45% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 7, active behavior, timber, 3,200 acres, 8% contained.

Black Bear – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, 250 acres, 0% contained.

Moose – Active behavior, evacuations, timber, evacuations, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – NR Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 5,500 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – Active behavior, timber, 9,000 acres, 1% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, 14 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Tartar – SW Team 1, active behavior, light fuels, 158,000 acres, 82% contained.

MM115 HWY20 – IDL, active behavior, light fuels, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Doublesprings – Active behavior, timber, 1,200 acres, 5% contained.

Mpherson – 225 acres, 0% contained.

Bare – Active behavior, timber, 450 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Canyon – Light fuels, 200+ acres, 0% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 111,000 acres, 24% contained.

Black Canyon – Active behavior, timber, 2,800 acres, 0% contained.

Ward – CA Team 8, moderate behavior, timber, 8,800 acres, 35% contained.

Mouse Meadow – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 50,000 acres, 10% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 14 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

B B – Light fuels, hardwood litter, 2,300 acres, 60% contained.

Roundup – Grass and timber, active behavior, 300 acres, 20% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 3 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Elk – RM Team 1 TOC RM Team 2 tomorrow, managing Gold Mountain, active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 6,750 acres, 39% contained.

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

310 – Extreme behavior, brush and timber, evacuations, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Rio Blanco – Moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 1,300 acres, 63% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, 3 new starts, all MN incidents received precipitation, 1 CIMT.

Thumb – EA Team 1, managing 4 additional incidents, minimal behavior, timber litter, received precipitation, 17,600 acres, 48% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 8 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

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

Johnson – Moderate behavior, hardwood litter, 330 acres, 0% contained.

Butte – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 670 acres, 65% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

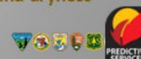
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Monday)

- Hot temperatures will continue in California, the Great Basin, and central Rockies through the weekend, with highs near or exceeding 100°F in the lower elevations
- Very dry air continues across most of the Intermountain West through the weekend, with minimum RH 5-15% and poor overnight recovery of 15-35%, locally lower, creating very long burn periods that moderates slightly for Monday
- 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 this weekend and into Monday for northern California
- 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 will result in high-risk significant potential in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands this weekend

Long-term (Tuesday through next Monday)

- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms are expected from the eastern Sierra to the West Slope, Wyoming, and Montana early next week with isolated dry thunderstorms possible in northeast Nevada, northern Utah, and southeast Idaho that may cause many new ignitions
- Late next week into next weekend, a pattern favorable for abundant lightning is likely to create an environment favorable for hundreds of new ignitions and potentially widespread high-risk significant fire potential in and near the Cascades, northern California, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies
- Monsoon moisture will reestablish in the Southwest mid-to-late next week, with modest amounts spreading northward along the eastern Sierra, Great Basin, West Slope, and Rockies
- Temperatures will trend downward but remain near to slightly above average in the northern half of the West
- The Southwest will see seasonable to cooler-than-average temperatures in Arizona and western/northern New Mexico, while eastern New Mexico remains above normal
- The southern Plains will stay very hot, with parts of northwest Texas and Oklahoma reaching 100°F or above, and this heat and dryness may spread into the Lower Mississippi Valley with significant fire potential increasing



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

N/A



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	3
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		40	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT		0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1	114	0	
HELO TYPE2	53	0	
HELO TYPE3	72		
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	26	0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	74	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	164	0	
CREW TYPE 2	432		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	115	103	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4		
RAPPELERS		75	
CATERERS	26	0	
SHOWERS	56	2	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	43
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	12
UAS	
SCOOPER	14
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	4 T2IA crews
ENGINES	3
OVERHEAD	209 – TFLD, SOF, SEC, RADO, HECM, dispatch
PENDING	370 – 270 overhead, 3 engines, 2 CIMTs, 29 T1 crews, 29 T2 crews



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

- No critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- Gann is pretty much caught, demobilizing resources, moving people to LA County fire. Ivanpah is 213 acres, 50% contained, forward progress stopped. Milepost 18 has potential, discussing IMT, 300+ acres, highway 96 is closed, steep and rugged terrain.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- PL2, light activity, no needs other than the CIMT replacement.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL5, light IA, 3 new and emerging fires. Rock Canyon should be wrapped up by end of shift. Critical need for crews and aviation. Ward is working on glidepath. Big Grass is pushing the current CIMTs current capacity, assisting on southern zone. Working on helicopter incident's report.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL4, light IA, significant fire growth. Sand Creek lined up to make another run, expecting aviation requests. T2 and better crews are critical needs.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Light IA, 3 emerging fires, 52 large fires. Critical need for middle management. Many aviation timed out yesterday, concern with losing critical aviation resources. Challenges continue on Grasshopper, additional spotting, frustrations with current CIMT. Little Giant made significant run, discussing structure protection. Wrights Spring fire expected to be a resource draw. NW Team 13 assigned to Three Queens, will take Grand Park 2. Rowe Creek Complex CIMT request submitted, discussing utilizing ODF Team. Discussing Kaiser Canyon IMT options. Discussing how to best utilize international IMTs. New fires in western Washington are of particular concern. Working on contingency plans to reallocate assigned CIMTs within the GA if the need arises.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, no needs or concerns.

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Jim Prevette

- NTR



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Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- PL2, discussing PL3, monitoring weather, moderate IA. Pending CIMT request on Frijoles, 650 acres, town is in ready evacuation status.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long – Jon Teutrine

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- NV in process of building surge taskforce for Big Grass. MT building two taskforces for Sand Creek. Milepost 18 working with CA state partners.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Tracking several aircraft that are getting minimal usage.

Name request orders for aircraft orders will not be pushed through at PL5 to better support the national picture.

Company standdown yesterday following helicopter accident, most are back in service today.

Rappel activity increased in CA.

32 UMODs committed.

Moving T1 UAS to Wrights Springs today.

SMKJ have good availability, remain active.

Advanced Title 10 group made it to Inchelium last night.

4 crews available today, allocated to NW and RM.

32 crews coming available over the next 7 days.

CA and SW are the only two GAs currently able to support exporting crews.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5, 637 active fires.

15.9 million acres burned.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Robin Cole

N/A

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

Approximately 40-person team working on next AUS/New Zealand
WFS will take the lead on bringing Canadian aircraft down to the US.
Aircraft will fly from Ontario to Boise tomorrow to begin redcarding and inspection process.
Meeting with CIFFC regarding aircraft today at 1300.
Meeting with Canadian and US Comms surrounding how the use of Canadian air resources will be messaged.
Manitoba may be able to support additional scoopers mobilizing to the US, will discuss at 1300.
NR remains the most likely target GA, meeting will be set up to finalize.

Military

Half battalion and support personnel are traveling from JBLM to base camp tomorrow.
Logistics group is completing the camp build.
Consider alternative locations for the military resources as the containment percentages for the target incidents are rapidly climbing.

Communications

Jessica Gardetto transitioning with Robin Cole tomorrow for NMAC Public Affairs.

Safety

Many IWIs are not being reported up.
Tyler McCowan will be coming in to assist NMAC in safety report outs moving forward.
Recommend FAST Team deploy to NW.
NW has begun conversation to build a FAST Team internally.
NW would appreciate any personnel NMAC would recommend to assist in supporting the FAST Team.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Milepost 18 potential for CIMT request.
Frijoles CIMT request. Recommend filling with CA Team 8 coming off Ward.
-Revisit once Ward confirms CA Team 8 release date.
Bear Trap CIMT request. EA Team can extend to 8/14.
-Recommend filling with SA Team 3 or All-Hazard IMT.
-Extend EA Team on Bear Trap to 8/14, revisit CIMT replacement request.
NR Team 2 availability date changed, no longer able to fill Frijoles.
No CIMTs available, 25 CIMTs committed (66% of CIMTs).
CA Team 1 available 8/9.
SA Team 3 and NW Team 2 available on 8/10.

