

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 9, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Megan Kephart	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Megan Kephart	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	LJ Brown	Information
International	Megan Kephart	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

☐ Chair: Chuck Russell	☒ Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Brian Achziger	☒ USFS: Jon Teutrine	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Megan Kephart	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren
☒ Great Basin: Mike Krupski	☒ 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: Tyler McCowan	☐ Strategic Analytics:	☐ Smokejumpers:
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Chief Fennessy, Josh Acosta, Grant Beebe, Brian Ebert, Jason Miller, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Mark Hilton, Chris Delaney, Dustin Gardner, James Johnson, Col Little, John McKee, Ricardo Reynoso, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Mark Williams

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 10 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL5, 183 new starts, 94 uncontained large fires, 27 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 30,419 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 21 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1 mobilizing, timber and brush, extreme behavior, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 4 new starts, 200,000 acres large fire growth, over 3 million acres burned YTD, 44 uncontained large fires, 17 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Ptarmigan – NIMO Team 3, active behavior, timber, 21,300 acres, 8% contained.

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

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, extreme behavior, grass and timber, 137,600 acres, 34% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2 TOC NW Team 12, extreme behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 97,000 acres, 2% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6, active behavior, timber, 54,000 acres, 23% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 366,600 acres, 79% contained.

Crescent Butte – OR, timber and light fuels, 150+ acres.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8, extreme behavior, timber, 34,000 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – NR Team 6, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber, 2,900 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 42,699 acres, 11% contained.

Big Grass – CA Team 5, active behavior, well into ID, jumped Owyhee River canyon, light fuels and timber, 504,300 acres, 39% contained.

South Ops: PL3, dry lightning in Sierras occurred yesterday, 24 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Hatchet – Light fuels and timber, 450 acres.

Timber – Light fuels and timber, 60 acres.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 10 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Black Bear – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Moose – Active behavior, T3 IMT, timber, evacuations, 4,300 acres, 0% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – NR Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 7,000 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – Extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 12,000 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, 23 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 118,000 acres, 27% contained.

Rocky Canyon – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 4,300 acres, 0% contained.

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



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Elk – RM Team 1 TOC RM Team 2 today, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 6,700 acres, 36% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 86 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Frijoles – Active behavior, timber, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

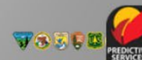
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Tuesday)

- Hot temperatures will continue in California, the Great Basin, and central Rockies today as highs near or exceed 100°F in the lower elevations, but slow cooling is expected Monday and Tuesday
- Northeast California to Wyoming will continue to have very low RH of 5-15% and poor overnight recovery with very long burn periods, but some moderation is expected for the Northwest, northern Rockies, and Greater Four Corners as burn periods shorten by a few hours with modestly higher RH
- Locally breezy winds amid the hot and very dry conditions will create areas of high-risk significant fire potential in northern California to the northern Great Basin into Tuesday, with winds in Montana easing after today
- The monsoon will slowly migrate northward, with mostly isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms today before wetter storms arrive for Arizona, Utah, and Colorado by Tuesday
- Hot, dry, and breezy conditions in the southern Plains early this week with widespread elevated to locally critical conditions, while a warming and drying trend will begin for the Lower Mississippi Valley, Gulf Coast, and Florida
- Continued warm and dry in eastern Alaska into next week, with elevated potential in the Upper Tanana Valley, while dry and breezy conditions continue in Puerto Rico into midweek, with high-risk significant potential today

Long-term (Wednesday through next Tuesday)

- Late this week into the coming weekend may feature a multi-day "watch out" pattern that has the potential to bring high-risk significant fire potential due to abundant lightning in and near the Cascades and northern California, extending eastward from the eastern Sierra, as well as parts of the northern Great Basin and northern Rockies
- Cooler and more stable conditions should spread eastward across the Northwest beginning next Monday and much of the northern half of the West by Tuesday
- Seasonable coverage of wet thunderstorms across much of Arizona and New Mexico, with the focus shifting into eastern parts of the Southwest early next week
- Temperatures will trend downward but remain near to slightly above average in the northern half of the West while the Southwest and much of the southern Great Basin experiences more seasonable temperatures
- The southern Plains will stay very hot, with much 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 as very dry conditions are expected



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK			
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT		61	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		21	
HELO TYPE1	122	0	
HELO TYPE2	49	0	
HELO TYPE3	71	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	25		
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	69	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	163	1	
CREW TYPE 2	431		Still filling, more UTFs
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	136	88	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	12	
RAPPELERS		79	
CATERERS	26	1	
SHOWERS	52	6	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	40
TANKER	
HELO	9
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	8
ENGINES	4
OVERHEAD	309
PENDING	348 oh, 50 crew, 3 engines, 3 fixed-wing, 21 helicopters

2 airtankers and 1 Bird Dog arriving from Canada today for inspection, training and carding.



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

- Warming and drying continues, crew reset dates are coming up.

California – Jay Kurth

- Hatchet placed a large resource order to augment. Concerning forecast. CA Team 4 available on 8/15, CA Team 5 available on 8/16.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- Light to moderate IA, 300 acres of growth on Bear Trap. General drying pattern expected.

Great Basin – John Foley – Mike Krupski

- PL5, increased IA in UT and NV. Moderate large fire activity. Bug incident has FMAG approved, 5,000 people evacuated. SW Team 1 on Tartar taking over Fox, developing a glidepath with the AA. Ward will release CA Team 8 on 8/11 morning, looking for T3. Utilizing NV task force to support Big Grass.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL4. DNRC mobilized critical mission task groups for structure protection on Bobcat Lakes and Sand Creek. Team will inbrief tonight at 1800. Skillet decision on GB Team 7 extension should come in today. Upper Smith was active yesterday, will continue to require resources and management.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Light IA, 151,000 acres of growth on existing incidents. Critical need remains middle management. Wrights Spring continues to outpace resources. Little Giant continues to burn on the south end, 6 task forces supporting incident. Big Grass hoping to connect the fingers in burn operation, continued growth to the south. ODF surge group mobilizing to assist on Rowe Creek, plan to transition to ODF Team 2 after current CIMT. Paradise continues to threaten watershed, ODF Team 3 will take command when NW Team 3 times out. CIMT request expected for Kaiser Canyon and Modrite, combining under 1 CIMT moving forward. Bench TOC to T3 tomorrow. IWI on Modrite yesterday, threat cleared. Finalizing plans for international IMT coming back available on 8/11. PNW MAC Group discussing best support to resources amid challenges and sociopolitical concerns. ASTAT Team expecting to inbrief Wednesday in Redmond.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, maintaining drawdown levels, supporting national effort.



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Southern Area – Jason Demas

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Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

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USFS – Russ Long – Jon Teutrine

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Hagen incident has an FMAG.

NASF – Greg Smith

- UT is busy, seeing resource shortages across the state. Rocky Canyon has many state resources committed.



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NMAC Operations Report Out

Canadian aircraft coming down today, beginning training and evaluations tomorrow. Location TBD for the aircraft.

Possibility to move rappel crews next weekend.

31 UMODs committed today, 21 committed to NW.

Trying to fill NR UMOD request and Widemouth 2 crash site evaluation.

Moving SMKJ resources from Redding to support SOPS.

67 active TFRs today.

Counter UAS task force in Spokane has been demobilized.

DOW ground forces have been deployed, heading to camp.

2 crews available today, mobilizing to GB.

RIST supporting 84 incidents with 218 support requests. Limited capacity for finance, expanded dispatch and incident support.

Liaison Report Out

Safety – Tyler McCowan

Concerns with firefighter and public interactions, several specific instances that are raising concern.

High number of heat-related and minor burns occurring.

Ensure appropriate staffing, many UTFs in Line Safety Officer positions.

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Coordinating with CIFFC public affairs on Canadian aircraft.

Running press release through FS for support.

Administration

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Military

Mobilized to Colville camp around 0700 PST this morning.

International

Mobilization is on track for 8/11 arrival in Boise.

Visiting Leadership

Secretary Rollins will be meeting with Secretary Burgum and a DOI contingent on 8/11.

Requesting situation report out and NMAC prioritization process.

Final itinerary to come.

Letter of Expectations

Recommend Letter is distributed to Associates as such rather than an email.

Will be sent today.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Frijoles CIMT request.

Bear Trap CIMT replacement request. -Revisit in exec.

Ward looking at CA Team 8 LWD 8/10, can mobilize 8/11.

Recommend reassigning CA Team 8 to Frijoles. -Support

Tomorrow, Kaiser Canyon/Modrite CIMT replacement request.

