

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 10, 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	Sean Peterson	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: Mike Krupski	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Jason Miller	☒ 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: Andi Good	☒ 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: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, Jason Bruce, Sonny Caldwell, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Dustin Gardner, Eric Graff, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, John Mckee, Mike Rubenstein, SFC Buck, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Rodd Tollefsrud, Megan Kephart, Col Little, Shaun Jensen, INLOs, Josh Acosta

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 11 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, light IA, 114 new starts, 98 uncontained large fires, international personnel, 4 MAFFS, 628 crews, 183 helicopters, 29,800 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 15 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, timber, extreme behavior, 1,500 acres, 10% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 0 new starts, 46 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 33,970 acres, 0% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, light fuels, 366,617 acres, 79% contained.

Austin – Timber, 500+ acres.

Mitchell – Timber, 10 acres.

Grasshopper – SA Team 2 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 57,000 acres, 23% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Grand Park 2 – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 312 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 2 TOC NW Team 12, extreme behavior, timber and brush, 111,400 acres, 2% contained.

Ptarmigan – Active behavior, timber, 22,600 acres, 8% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 141,411 acres, 42% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – AK Team 2, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 138,235 acres, 63% contained.

Modrite – NW Team 3, active behavior, timber, 57,100 acres, 60% contained.

Palouse River – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 637 acres, 40% contained.

Old Trails – CA Team 7, managing 2 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 3,100 acres, 53% contained.

Wells Road – Active behavior, grass and timber, 1,800 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – NR Team 6, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,100 acres, 0% contained.

Big Grass – CA Team 5 TOC NW Team 10 tomorrow, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 541,000 acres, 41% contained.

Second Flat – CA Team 4, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 105,500 acres, 88% contained.

Fox – SW Tem 3 TOC SW Team 1, moderate behavior, grass, 79,000 acres, 64% contained.

Bologna – Active behavior, timber, 4,300 acres, 30% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 32 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Antelope – Cal Fire, minimal behavior, grass, 2,400 acres, 10% contained.

Timber – 1,330 acres, 5 contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 6 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Upper Smith – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,400 acres, 32% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, 3,200 acres, 26% contained.

Black Bear – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, 1,400 acres, 0% contained.

Moose – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,300 acres, 0% contained.



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Sand Creek – Extreme behavior, timber, 11,600 acres, 0% contained.

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

Harris – Active behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 10% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, 24 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Bug – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 15,000 acres, 3% contained.

Ward – CA Team 8 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, 8,600 acres, 67% contained.

Tartar – SW Team 1, moderate behavior, brush, 158,000 acres, 89% contained.

Lake – Active behavior, timber litter, 170 acres, 0% contained.

MM115 Highway 20 – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 4,900 acres, 20% contained.

Doublesprings – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 1,600 acres, 5% contained.

Rocky Canyon – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 4,300 acres, 0% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, timber, evacuations, 118,000 acres, 26% contained.

Black Canyon – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 15 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Canadian River – Texas FS, moderate behavior, grass, 330 acres, 90% contained.

South Lane – 5,500 acres, 100% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 1 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Weiser Knoll – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 10,000 acres, 0% contained.

Elk – RM Team 2, active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 7,000 acres, 33% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, 1 new start, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Thumb, EA Team 1, managing 4 other incidents, minimal behavior, timber litter, 17,600 acres, 48% contained.

Southwest: PL2, discussing PL3, 3 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Foster – Active behavior, brush and heavy slash, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Johnson – Moderate behavior, hardwood litter and timber, 426 acres, 0% contained.

Frijoles – CA Team 8 mobilizing, active behavior, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

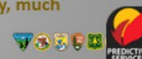
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Wednesday)

- Hot temperatures for much of the southern Plains this week with maxima approaching 110°F amid RH of 10-25%. Increasing wind mid-week will create widespread elevated to critical conditions and areas of high-risk significant fire potential
- Northeast California to Wyoming will continue to have low RH of 5-15% and poor recovery into tomorrow, but some moderation is expected for the Northwest, northern Rockies, and Greater Four Corners as burn periods shorten by a few hours with some 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
- Uncertainty is high for thunderstorm impacts in California late Wednesday and Wednesday night, but higher confidence in lightning for northeast Washington, the Idaho Panhandle, and western Montana, with a backdoor front resulting in moderating conditions east of the Divide in Montana
- 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 most of the week, with stronger winds possible late week as a tropical wave passes to the south

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Late week into the coming weekend may feature several days that have the potential to bring high-risk significant fire potential due to 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
- However, there is considerable model uncertainty in the late week pattern and adjustments to the location and extent of lightning is expected, especially from northern California northward along and near the Cascades
- Seasonable coverage of wet thunderstorms across much of Arizona and New Mexico, with the focus shifting into eastern parts of the Southwest later in the period
- Temperatures should 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 to slightly cooler-than-average temperatures
- The southern Plains will stay very hot, with most of Texas and Oklahoma reaching 100°F or above, and this heat and dryness will spread into the Lower Mississippi Valley and Southeast with significant fire potential increasing
- Very dry conditions with little to no significant rainfall in southern Oklahoma, north Texas, the Lower Mississippi River Valley, much of the Gulf Coast and Florida



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Outside of SW, almost all western PSAs are at the 90th percentile ERC or higher.

Fuels continued to dry rapidly; many areas well below normal even for peak fire season.

Long duration for established fires in heavy fuels.

Intense heat and big growth with wind or instability.

Northwest and Great Basin will maintain the current fire potential.

Southern Area and California will see a steep increase in fire potential.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	3
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		40	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	121	0	
HELO TYPE2	53	0	
HELO TYPE3	72	0	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	27	3	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	70	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	171	0	
CREW TYPE 2	443	0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	114	84	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	12	
RAPPELERS		107	
CATERERS	25	2	
SHOWERS	61	5	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	49
TANKER	15
HELO	6
AIR ATTACK	
IR	7
UAS	
SCOOPER	10
LEAD/ASM	3
CREWS	3 camp crews
ENGINES	3
OVERHEAD	112 – SOF, SEC, dispatch
PENDING	359 overhead, 6 engines, 38 T1/T2IA, 20 T2 crews, 36 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL1, resources at drawdown, will rotate SMKJ to lower 48 as they become available.

California – Jay Kurth

- Milepost 18 positioned to be significant suck on resources. Timber reported at 800 acres, burning along Coast Ridge Road, Cal Fire has provided many resources, closest state DPA is 5 air miles. Continue to assess resource orders being input.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- PL2, light IA, aircraft remained busy in northern MN.

Great Basin – John Foley – Mike Krupski

- Moderate IA, good catches. Critical need for aviation and T1/T2IA crews. SW Team 1 on Tartar reassigned to Bug, cleaning up communications surrounding that change. Rocky Canyon pending CIMT request, threatening structures. Pilots from Widemouth 2 were recovered, procession occurred over the weekend, 24-hour honor watch.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- GB Team 7 extension request for up to 7 days pending. NR Team 3 takes command of Bobcat Lakes at 0700 on 8/11. DNRC EU helicopter made unplanned landing over the weekend.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Light IA, human-caused fires and holdover lightning continues to be problematic. CA Team 6 supporting 3 incidents on Mount Hood. Mitchell incident should be catchable. ODF surging ops and branches to Hagen. Rowe Creek Complex confirmed ODF Team. Bologna has ODF Team inbriefing, investigator mobilizing to incident. Critical needs continue to be aircraft and crews. Wing strike yesterday between two air attacks. Modrite/Kaiser Canyon has submitted CIMT replacement request.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- Preparing for potential lightning upcoming and recreational use in Black Hills.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Appreciate air support for fire in TX.



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Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- Light IA, no critical needs.

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long – Jon Teutrine

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Rocky Canyon and Wrights Spring both received an FMAG.

NASF – Greg Smith

- ODF Team 2 mobilizing to Rowe Creek Complex, ODF Team 3 mobilizing to Bologna, ODF Team 1 branching and assisting Hagen with plans to take it over.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Three Canadian aircraft arrived yesterday, working through inspection and carding beginning today.

1 T3 EU moved from NOPS to GB this morning.

Rappelers have dispatched over 1,000 firefighters YTD.

1 ASM bumping 36:6, closely monitoring.

1 airtanker yesterday surpassed 36:6.

All 4 MAFFS remain busy.

Working on 5 UAS requests.

63 active TFRs, including 2 international TFRs.

Title 10 ground forces arrived in camp yesterday, working on training today.

NIIC-D out of radio expansion kits.

2 crews available today, NW crew will remain, 1 in SW will mobilize to SOPS.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5, 620 active fires.

BC remains at PL5.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

Consistent UTFs for Line Safety Officers.

Continue to see minor burns.

9 new SafeNets for general fatigue concerns.

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Australian/New Zealand contingent press release will be released today.

Holdoff on releasing all external Canadian aircraft support information.

Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NW, GB, NR, RM,

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

Academies are largely squared away.

NICC Jet is organized with trips to pick up the group from their entry points to bring to Boise.

All personnel now have hotel accommodations.

25 engines have been secured.

David will send NICC Jet arrival times to NMAC.

Military

Contingent arrived in Colville yesterday.

Ground forces should be completing cultural and burning training today.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Kaiser Canyon/Modrite CIMT replacement request, combining from 2 CIMTs to one CIMT.

Recommend filling with NW Team 2. -Support

Rocky Canyon emerging incident CIMT request. Recommend filling with RM Team 3. -Support

3 CIMTs available: SA, RM, NW.

No additional teams available until Thursday.

Recommend mobilizing SA on a preposition order to move west, location TBD. -Support

3 All-Hazard IMTs available.

Review the NISRM for All-Hazard IMT expectations when utilized for fire suppression, would likely need to be supplemented with middle management or other C&G.

Safety

Message needs to be reviewed prior to distribution.

Will be sent 8/10 by COB.

Dynamic Containment

Associate members should request feedback from their IMTs.

Revisit at a later date.

