

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 11, 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
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: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Jennifer Parrish
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ 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: 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: 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, Josh Acosta, Grant Beebe, Chief Fennessy, Mike Krupski, Andrew Lopez, Jeremy Sullens, Megan Kephart, Jason Bruce, Josh Ingle, Marcus Medina, Penny States, Mike Riker, Shaun Jensen, Mark Hilton, Beau Dobberstein, Mark Williams, Eric Graff, Court Wallace, Ben Gannon, Mike Henry, Heath Cota, Wade Clack, Chris Delaney, Megan Heffentrager, Kristin Kirschner, SFC Buck, Jake Sjolund, Todd Tollefsrud, Brant Porter, Mike Rubenstein, Sonny Caldwell

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 12 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 142 new starts, 104 uncontained large fires, 27 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 4 MAFFS, 240 military personnel, 604 crews, 1,838 engines, 29,939 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, light IA, 11 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, extreme behavior, timber and brush, 1,900 acres, 10% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 4 new starts, 45 uncontained large fires, 16 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 51,700 acres, 0% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, 354,000 acres, 84% contained.

Austin – Extreme behavior, evacuations, timber, 800 acres, 0% contained.

Bologna – ODF Team 3, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 5,000 acres, 30% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6 TOC SA Team 2 tomorrow, extreme behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 80,000 acres, 23% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 125,000 acres, 2% contained.

Luna – Active behavior, timber, 3,700 acres, 0% contained.

Ptarmigan – Active behavior, timber, 23,750 acres, 8% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, extreme behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 147,700 acres, 42% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – AK Team 2, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 138,200 acres, 63% contained.

Modrite – NW Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill and Hudspeth, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 57,800 acres, 61% contained.

Bradeen Hill – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,400 acres, 74% contained.

Hudspeth – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 6,500 acres, 35% contained.

Old Trails – CA Team 7, managing Fairview and Autumn Lane, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 3,100 acres, 73% contained.

Paradise – NR Team 6, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber, 3,200 acres, 0% contained.

Big Grass – CA Team 5 TOC NW Team 10 today, active behavior, less growth than previous days, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 555,000 acres, 35% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 18 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 2,000 acres, 5% contained.

Hatchet – Cal Fire, light fuels, minimal behavior, 600 acres, 45% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 6 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Porcupine – Timber, moderate behavior, 100 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – Active behavior, timber, 19,700 acres, 0% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – NR Team 3, active behavior, timber, 8,500 acres, 0% contained.

Moose – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,500 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, moderate IA, 23 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Bug – SW Team 1, managing Fred Mt, light fuels and timber, active behavior, 44,300 acres, 3% contained.



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Fred Mt – Merged with Bug, light fuels and timber, active behavior, evacuations, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

Stallion – 20,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Canyon – RM Team 3 has been cancelled, extreme behavior, great progress, evacuations, 14,630 acres, 0% contained.

Black Canyon – Active behavior, timber, 3,600 acres, 0% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 122,000 acres, 30% contained.

Tartar – Minimal behavior, brush, 158,000 acres, 89% contained.

MM115 HWY 20 – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 4,900 acres, 24% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 58 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Mill Creek – Timber, moderate behavior, timber, 218 acres, 30% contained.

Bufford Creek – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 8,000 acres, 25% contained.

Brown – Brush, extreme behavior, 800 acres, 60% contained.

Saxon – Minimal behavior, grass, 300 acres, 50% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 6 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Bear Butte – Extreme behavior, brush, 457 acres, 50% contained.

Cold Springs – County, extreme behavior, light fuels, 1,900 acres, 0% contained.

Weiser Knoll – Extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 13,350 acres, 0% contained.

Elk – RM Team 2, managing Gold Mountain, active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations. 7,400 acres, 33% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, 5 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT, all fires in northern MN reporting minimal behavior, upticks in containment.

Southwest: PL2, 9 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Frijoles – CA Team 8 mobilizing, extreme behavior, evacuations, 6,000 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- 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 high-risk significant fire potential in much of north Texas and Oklahoma. Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms in the Texas/Oklahoma panhandles tomorrow into Thursday will result in new ignitions, as well
- Locally breezy/dry conditions continue from the Sierra Front into the northern Great Basin, southwest Montana, and Wyoming today before RH increases and winds abate by Thursday
- The monsoon will slowly migrate northward, with wet thunderstorms likely by Thursday for the central/southern Great Basin, most of the Rockies, and Southwest, with mixed wet/dry thunderstorms to the north and west with many new ignitions likely, but the extreme ignition and spread events of late July are not anticipated (lots of ignitions, but opportunity to catch most of them)
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms are possible in California Wednesday into Thursday, with some overnight thunderstorms in central California Wednesday night with new ignitions expected
- 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 and high-risk significant fire potential Thursday through the weekend as winds increase

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- A tropical storm is likely to impact Hawai'i this weekend, but whether it is drier and breezy or a direct impact with very strong winds and heavy rain is uncertain
- Very hot and 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
- While new ignitions remain possible due to lightning in northern portions of the West Friday into Saturday, overall cooler temperatures and high RH will moderate the fire environment in most of the West this weekend into early next week compared to the past two weekends
- However, there remains considerable uncertainty in the details of the pattern, and some areas may have higher potential than expected
- Seasonable coverage of wet thunderstorms across much of Arizona and New Mexico, and some brief drying is expected in the Great Basin, but RH and cooler temperatures will keep conditions moderated



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Updated Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory for the Pacific Northwest, expanded to all PSAs within the area except for the Olympic Peninsula.

2 additional Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories in effect for the GB.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		40	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	119	0	
HELO TYPE2	50	0	
HELO TYPE3	68	0	
LARGE TRANS			Picking up international personnel in CA, transporting to Boise.
CIMT	27	1	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	71	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	167	0	
CREW TYPE 2	434	0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	120	99	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	10	
RAPPELERS		111	
CATERERS	24	0	
SHOWERS	49	6	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	38
TANKER	1
HELO	11
AIR ATTACK	
IR	12
UAS	2
SCOOPER	12
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2 T1 crews
ENGINES	12
OVERHEAD	438 – TFLD, SEC, HEQB, SOF, dispatch, FALB, DIVS, WFMOD
PENDING	257 overhead, 22 engines, 37 T1/T2IA crews, 26 T2 crews, 35 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- Talaneka incident saw four distinguished columns yesterday, working with local units to discuss staffing.

California – Jay Kurth

- Continue to support ongoing incidents with internal resources. Working with OES to support with forecasted lightning with all-hazard IMTs.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Jennifer Parrish

- PL2, minimal IA, supporting MN incidents.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL5, light IA. Stallion being managed by SW Team 1, request for scooper support.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Bobcat Lakes and Sand Creek being managed by the same team, fire damaged ski resort equipment. GB Team 7 managing Skillet, discussing extension request. Cache getting low on pumps.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Preparing for IA in the next 96 hours with lightning potential, moving aviation resources. Grasshopper will take over an additional 3 incidents and utilize international IMTs. CIMT rationale for Paradise and Hagen may be submitted to the CIMT Coordinator in the next couple of days. Potential NIMO Team request for Border 2 and Luna, may utilize military. Critical need for maintaining the aviation fleet and replacement crews.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- PL3, several fires in WY, anticipating additional IA. Maintaining within GA capability.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Continued uptick in IA, may request additional air support for TX and OK. TX activated aerial National Guard resources to support internally.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- Issues with drone intrusions.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- Both Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture as well as several additional leadership personnel will be visiting NMAC and campus today.

USFS – Russ Long – Jon Teutrine

- NIMO Team 1 available today.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

Canadian aircraft inspection is ongoing, personnel training is beginning today.

Continue to track aviation resources, moving to the most efficient locations.

Monitoring 36:6 and manage as needed.

4 MAFFS continue to be split between Redding and Klamath Falls, 5th tail available on 8/19.

2 SMKJ planes down mechanical this morning.

Continuing to boost SMKJ out of Alaska, spreading to GB and NR.

58 active TFRs, 3 temporary towers.

1,360 TFRs YTD.

DOW soldiers are on the Modrite fire line today.

2/3 cache trucks from AK to Redmond were delayed, will arrive today.

7 crews available today, most will be maintained locally in NOPS, SOPS, NW and NR.

2 T2IAs will be moved external of their GA, 1 IHC being reallocated to GB.

25 crews should be coming back available in the next 7 days.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5, 604 active fires, over 10 million acres burned.

PL5 continues in British Columbia,

460 international personnel assisting in Canada from Mexico, Australia and New Zealand.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Press release for incoming international contingent was distributed yesterday, 1 follow up inquiry to interview a firefighter.

Working with ops to see if Australian interview is feasible, agencies will be kept in the loop.

Inquiry from Washington Post regarding betting on fire activity, will revisit.

Holding off on Canadian aircraft release.

Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NW, GB, NR, RM, SOPS, NOPS, SW

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Military

Soldiers are out on the fireline today.

Area orientation occurred yesterday in camp and on the line.

IMO is in direct communication with NW Team 3.

NW Team 3 is assisting with logistical support as camp is fully set up.

Completing logistical and coordination clean up.

Agreement in place with NWCC to run all military expanded remote from the NICC, with trips to Spokane and Colville if needed.

International

Personnel are delayed in LA, arrival to Boise may be closer to 1400.

Complex Incident Management Teams

NR extension request for GB Team 7 on Skillet for up to 7 days. LWD of 8/21. -Support

2 international IMTs arriving today.

NV T3 IMT will mesh with one international IMT in GB.

Recommend pairing NIMO Team with the other international IMT for the NW.

Target fires must be identified by 8/12.

Safety Memo

Memo will be distributed 8/11.

Geographic Area Rotations

At PL5, NMAC has the management control of all CIMTs.

All international and all-hazard support is being utilized.

NMAC recommends 4-7 R&R days for CIMTs.

CIMTs are required to have all 24 C&G personnel as outlined in the NISRM.

GA rotations and full reliance of the national rotation will be returned to upon decrease of national PL.

Letter will be distributed to Associates and GAs 8/11. -Needs further discussion prior to distribution.

Identify gaps within the teams and utilize the CIMT Coordinator as well as agency representatives to find qualified personnel within the system to roster a team.

