

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 12, 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: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Jennifer Parrish
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Sonny Caldwell
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Jason Miller	☒ Southwest: Harold Riggs
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ 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: Court Wallace
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, Grant Beebe, Jim Prevette, Mark Goeller, Jason Miller, Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, Josh Acosta, Penny States, INLOs, NASA Guests, Shaun Jensen, Col Little, Perry Breitenstein, Joe Majewski, Gordy Sachs, Jason Bruce, John Cervantes, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Josh Ingle, John Mckee, Mike Rubenstein, Brant Porter, Ricardo Reynoso, Mark Williams, Stanton Florea

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 13 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 84 new starts, 101 uncontained large fires, 26 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 240 soldiers, 70 international personnel, 4 MAFFS, 30,189 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 20 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, extreme behavior, timber, 2,800 acres, 10% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 14 new starts, 44 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 52,500 acres, 5% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, light fuels and timber, 373,100 acres, 79% contained.

Grasshopper – CA Team 6 TOC SA Team 2 today, managing Austin, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 77,300 acres, 20% contained.

Austin – Active behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 4,100 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 122,400 acres, 5% contained.

Ptarmigan – NIMO Team 3, active behavior, timber, 23,700 acres, 8% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 151,700 acres, 42% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – AK Team 2, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 138,200 acres, 74% contained.

Modrite – NW Team 3, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 57,800 acres, 62% contained.

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

Alpowwa Mutual Aid – Active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 750 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – NR Team 6, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber and light fuels, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 53,000 acres, 11% contained.

Big Grass – NW Team 10, active behavior, light fuels, and timber, 579,000 acres, 36% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 20 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 3,150 acres, 5% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 5 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Upper Smith – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,500 acres, 30% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – NR team 3, managing Sand Creek, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 9,200 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 25,600 acres, 0% contained.

Moose - Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 5,500 acres, 0% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, 3,300 acres, 32% contained.

White Rock – Minimal behavior, grass, 400 acres, 50% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, 9 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

MM 81 HWY 51 - IDL, light fuels, 100+ acres, 0% contained.

MM115 HWY 20 – IDL, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 5,100 acres, 50% contained.



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Bug – SW Team 1, managing Stallion, extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 66,500 acres, 0% contained.

Stallion – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 33,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Canyon – Extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, 15,650 acres, 25% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 125,000 acres, 36% contained.

Black Canyon – Active behavior, timber, 3,500 acres, 9% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 24 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Bufford Creek – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 3,100 acres, 80% contained.

Jones Island – Moderate behavior, southern rough, 700 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 25 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Rancher – 1,000 acres,

Deckert – 100 acres.

Redwood – 15 acres.

Xu Hill – Light fuels, 2,500 acres, 10% contained.

Weiser Knoll – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 16,500 acres, 30% contained.

Elk – RM Team 2, active behavior, received precipitation, timber, evacuations, 7,400 acres, 35% contained.

Gold Mountain – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 39,600 acres, 87% contained.

Post – Timber and brush, 1,000+ acres, 0% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, 1 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Bear Trap – EA Team 1, SA Team 1 mobilizing, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber litter, 29,991 acres, 44% contained.

Alaska: PL1, 2 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Tatlanika – Active behavior, timber and grass, 31,000 acres, 15% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 6 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Frijoles – CA Team 8 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 7,800 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

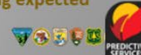
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Hot temperatures for much of the southern Plains this week with maxima approaching 110°F amid RH of 10-25%. Increasing wind 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 and Friday will result in new ignitions, as well
- Hot and dry conditions into the Lower Mississippi Valley and Southeast, as well, with lower-than-average RH of 20-35% in portions of the Lower Mississippi Valley by Friday
- 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 hundreds of new ignitions likely, but with higher RH and cooler temperatures there will be a better opportunity to catch most of them
- Periods of nocturnal storms are expected, as well, in central/northeastern California tonight, then in the northwestern Great Basin and eastern Oregon tomorrow night
- 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
- Enhanced dry trade winds expected tomorrow into Friday in Hawai'i ahead of a developing tropical storm in the central Pacific

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- A tropical cyclone 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 this weekend, overall cooler temperatures and high RH will moderate the fire environment in most of the West this weekend as compared to the past two weekends
- The pattern becomes a bit more uncertain next week, with the monsoon decreasing for most areas and warming and drying. The extent of which and any possible system increasing winds or lightning in the northwestern U.S. is yet to be determined
- Highest confidence of seasonable coverage of wet thunderstorms across much of Arizona and New Mexico, with some drying expected in the Great Basin, but RH and cooler temperatures will keep conditions slower to rebound early in the week



National Strategic Analytics (Rick Stratton)

Assessed 43 fires across 7 GACCs.

Continued busy fire activity in NW, GB with an increase expected in NOPS.

Fires that will likely be with us into September include Luna, Border 2, Ptarmigan, Little Giant and Sinlahekin.

Nationally active fire perimeter has increased with the greatest amounts being in NW and NR.

87 large fires were reporting completed fireline yesterday, increase from last week.

NW, GB and RM have the greatest fireline lengths.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	2
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		40	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT			
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS			
HELO TYPE1	120	0	
HELO TYPE2	53	0	
HELO TYPE3	72	0	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	26	1	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	65	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	165	0	
CREW TYPE 2	437	0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	123	97	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	4	
RAPPELERS		119	
CATERERS	25	2	
SHOWERS	52	7	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	53
TANKER	7
HELO	29
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	11
UAS	3
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	25 T1/T2IA crews, 5 camp crews
ENGINES	18
OVERHEAD	210 – HEQB, TFLD, SOF, DIVS, SEC, RADO
PENDING	355 overhead, 63 engines, 40 T1/T2IA crews, 15 T2 crews, 18 helicopters



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

- Continued concerns with weather, tracking Junea glacial lake flooding.

California – Jay Kurth

- Gann Cal Fire Team 6 TOC local unit. Providing support to Bug. Monitoring expected IA.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Jennifer Parrish

- PL2, minimal IA, support to MN fires continues.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL5, 2 new and emerging incidents. Prioritizing 12 large fires. The rest of SW Team 1 leaving Tartar, mobilizing to Bug.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Sand Creek crossed byway yesterday, huge winds in structure protection, assessing additional structures.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Sonny Caldwell

- Austin TOC to Grasshopper will be tomorrow morning. International IMT will be placed with ODF Team 2 on Rowe Creek on 8/15. Paradise CIMT rationale expected today.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- Experiencing uptick in IA, difficulty in catching fires with fuels drying.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Appreciate LAT support in ABI.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- Monitoring Diamonte emerging incident. No needs at this time.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- Both Secretaries, Senators and other staff visited yesterday, must continue leaning into this fire season supporting however we are able.

USFS – Russ Long – Jon Teutrine

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Stallion received an FMAG, all fires around Reno have their own now. FEMA is tracking the flooding in AK closely.

NASF – Greg Smith

- Concern with amount of need for Sand Creek. Concern in WA with lack of federal Leads and Air Attacks. CO working to set up All-Hazard IMT3 resources in IROC.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Canadian aircraft final inspections should be completed today, evaluation flights will occur tomorrow and Friday. Anticipate operational availability on Saturday.

Leaning towards recommending aircraft are based out of Boise.

Developing draft SOP for Canadian aircraft, recommend issuing NMAC Letter with SOP attached. -Support upon review

Bringing on additional T1 Sky Crane to NR plus one.

EA discussing releasing several T1s to the west.

Moving rappel resources today in anticipation of upcoming weather.

Monitoring 6:36.

1 airtanker down for maintenance.

Recommendation to amend RFA, adding the 5th MAFFS tail on 8/19 to the pair in Klamath Falls.

-Support

Continue to have 1 SMKJ ship down.

TFRs continue to decline, main complexities being tracked are currently around Reno.

Continue to return equipment to the caches and NIIC-D to be returned back into the system.

3 crews will be moved today; 2 crews to NOPS and 1 to SW.

Reminder – Crews are available nationally and the ability for them to remain available internally may not be possible.

Crew Coordination will transition from Chase to Josh on 8/13 until 8/19.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5.

420 firefighters from Mexico in BC.

Resources in Canada from an additional 4 countries.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

Fatality in MN yesterday following medical emergency, working through communication channels.

10 SafeNets submitted over the last 10 days.

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

2 reporters request for information surrounding the international mobilization.

BSU Public Radio likely to interview international INLOs.

Joe Schindel will take video and pictures.

Press Release surrounding Canadian aircraft will be ready upon CIFFC approval.

Creating strategies for interviews of Canadian aircraft resources.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

First round of flights arrived yesterday, two additional flights are arriving today.

Group A's training will begin tomorrow.

25 total engines will be available

4 strike teams, 2 crews, 1 IMT to NW.

International IMT will be prepared to join IMT for TOC.

1 strike team, 2 crews, 1 IMT to GB.

Desire to place NV Team 3 on a preposition request to Boise to be included in the training.

Military

Force was on the Modrite yesterday.

Expecting MAFFS RFA for additional tail.

Complex Incident Management Teams

GB CIMT replacement request for Widemouth 2 DTN 8/15. Recommend allowing GB to fill internally. -Support

RM Team and SA Team (on preposition) available today.

GB Team available 8/13.

All-Hazard IMTs

NJ, SC and CO IMTs are available for assignment.

Revisit in exec.

