

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 13, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Kerry Jones	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
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: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Sonny Caldwell
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Harold Riggs
☐ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☐ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Kerry Jones
☒ Crews: Josh Acosta	☒ 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, Karis Collet, Mike Krupski, Jason Miller, Dave Williams, Megan Kephart, Maegan Maughan, Kristin Kirschner, Jeremy Sullens, Mike Henry, INLOs, Shaun Jensen, Col Little, Mark Williams, Mark Hilton, Todd Tollesfrud, Heath Cota, Stanton Florea, Chris Delaney, Kristin Corkins, Jason Bruce, John Cervantes, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Josh Ingle, Lindsey Lewis, Mike Rubenstein, Jake Sjolund, Casey Teske, Beale Monday

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 14 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 121 new starts, 95 uncontained large fires, 21 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 64 international personnel, 4 MAFFS, 240 military personnel, 601 crews, 1,677 engines, 180 helicopters, 29,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 8 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Talbot – Unified command, dense timber, 100 acres, 0% contained.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, extreme behavior, timber and brush, 3,600 acres, 6% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 14 new starts, 43 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

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

Little Giant – NW Team 12, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 130,000 acres, 5% contained.

Luna – Active behavior, timber, 3,900 acres, 0% contained.

Border 2 – Active behavior, timber, 13,700 acres, 1% contained.

Ptarmigan – NIMO Team 3, active behavior, timber, received precipitation, 24,000 acres, 13% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4, Cal Fire Team 5 mobilizing, moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 152,900 acres, 37% contained.

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

Modrite – NW Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill and Hudspeth, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 57,788 acres, 76% contained.

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

Hudspeth – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 6,700 acres, 88% contained.

Paradise – NR Team 6, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber, 4,400 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 54,000 acres, 11% contained.

Big Grass – NW Team 10, active behavior, light fuels and timber, 580,000 acres, 34% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 53,000 acres, 6% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 355,000 acres, 78% contained.

Austin – Active behavior, timber, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – SA Team 2, managing Austin, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 83,600 acres, 20% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 17 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 4,250 acres, 7% contained.

Plains – Cal Fire, active behavior, grass, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Gann – 10,000 acres, 100% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 8 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Upper Smith – Active behavior, timber, 3,600 acres, 30% contained.

Moose – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 5,700 acres, 0% contained.

Black Bear – Moderate behavior, timber, 2,100 acres, 20% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Active behavior, timber, 9,700 acres, 0% contained.



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Sand Creek – NR Team 3, managing Bobcat Lakes, active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 29,000 acres, 0% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 7, received precipitation, moderate behavior, timber, 3,300 acres, 39% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, 14 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Bug – SW Team 1, managing Stallion, extreme behavior, evacuations, 88,000 acres, 3% contained.

Stallion – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 40,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Canyon – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 15,600 acres, 29% contained.

Black Canyon – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,500 acres, 16% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 129,500 acres, 50% contained.

Lake – Active behavior, timber, 189 acres, 40% contained.

MM81 HWY55 – Active behavior, Highway 55 closed, 330 acres.

MM115 HWY 20 – IDL, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 5,100 acres, 90% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 15 new starts, IA in TX and OK, 4 uncontained large fires.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 18 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Post – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 4,200 acres, 0% contained.

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

Gold Mountain – Active behavior, grass, received precipitation, 39,674 acres, 87% contained.

Rancher – SD, active behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Xu Hill – Active behavior, light fuels, 2,500 acres, 10% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, 3 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

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

Alaska: PL1, hot and dry, 1 uncontained large fire.

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

Southwest: PL2, 6 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Frijoles – CA Team 8, timber, active behavior, evacuations, 7,800 acres, 1% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Kerry Jones)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Saturday)

- Remaining very hot and dry for much of the southern Plains with temperatures approaching 110°F amid RH of 10-25%. Southerly winds gusting up to 35 mph will create widespread elevated to critical conditions and high-risk significant fire potential today in much of north Texas and Oklahoma. Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms in the Texas/Oklahoma panhandles today and Friday will result in new ignitions, as well
- Hot and dry conditions in the Lower Mississippi Valley and Southeast, as well, with lower-than-average RH of 20-35% in portions of the Lower Mississippi Valley tomorrow and Saturday
- Mixed wet/dry thunderstorms farther north along the periphery of the monsoon with ignitions likely, but higher RH and seasonable/cooler temperatures should help to minimize impact
- Isolated nocturnal storms are possible, as well, in the northwestern Great Basin and eastern Oregon late tonight or Friday morning but potential is lower than recent nights
- Wet thunderstorms likely for the central/southern Great Basin, most of the Rockies, and the Southwest where overall potential will remain low
- Very warm and dry conditions will continue in eastern Alaska into next week, with elevated potential in the Upper Tanana Valley, while Puerto Rico remains warm and dry with high-risk significant fire potential today through the weekend as winds increase
- Northeast winds are likely to increase today into Saturday in Hawai'i with the strongest wind gusts likely on Saturday. Today into Friday will have the highest fire potential across the islands due to the stronger winds and low RH, with potential on Saturday determined by how close the storm passes

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- 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
- Areas of moderate to high-risk significant fire potential are likely, and isolated thunderstorms early next week are likely to result in new ignitions
- Cool temperatures continue across the West Sunday, but a warming/drying trend is expected early to mid-next week with slow drying, but winds overall will be on the lighter side
- The monsoon will likely wane for most areas much of next week, with low to moderate grade conditions most likely for Arizona and the Four Corners
- High uncertainty late next week, but it's becoming more likely the warming and drying trend will intensify



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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National Strategic Analytics (Rick Stratton)

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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		42	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	119	0	
HELO TYPE2	55	0	
HELO TYPE3	73	0	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	25	2	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	65	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	163	0	
CREW TYPE 2	440	0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	97	140	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	7	
RAPPELERS		116	
CATERERS	27	0	
SHOWERS	55	3	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	53
TANKER	7
HELO	17
AIR ATTACK	22
IR	12
UAS	1
SCOOPER	15
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	5 T2IA/T1 crews
ENGINES	48
OVERHEAD	166 – HEQB, TFLD, FOBS, SOF, dispatch
PENDING	392 oh, 51 e, 9 T2 crews, 18 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, new incident put load of SMKJ on. Governor declared disaster emergency for flooding potential in Juneau.

California – Jay Kurth

- Surged resources to Bug on immediate need assist. Talbot at 75 acres, line around majority of fire, approval for dozer line around wilderness portion. Woods fire at 25 acres, putting together T3 resources.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- SA Team assumes command of Bear Trap tomorrow morning.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL5, light IA, 1 new and merging incident, prioritizing 10 large incidents. 2 civilian burn injuries on incident, life-flighted out.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- 2 Units discussing potential use for All-Hazard IMTs.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Sonny Caldwell

- No new emerging, increase in IA in Colville NF. Working on target incident for NV T3 IMT and international resources.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, right sizing and realigning resources on current incidents.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Uptick in southern states will likely cause reduction in national resource availability.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- Extended attack ongoing, no resource needs.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

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USFS – Russ Long – Jon Teutrine

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

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NASF – Greg Smith

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NMAC Operations Report Out

Working on NMAC Letter for Canadian aircraft SOP, drafting for review today.

Canadian Bird Dog will have US-person assigned until Canadian Air Attack Officer can mobilize next week.

Training has been completed, SIMS and evaluations being completed today and tomorrow.

Managing 6:36 for several NR scoopers.

1 airtanker and 1 SMKJ aircraft down for maintenance.

MAFFS tail RFA has been submitted to NorthCom, tail must be paired with those in Klamath Falls.

1,366 TFRs YTD.

Crews being assigned to SOPS, GB, NR and NW.

40 pending crew requests.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Boise Channel 6 and BSU public radio will be interviewing international personnel today.

TV reporter likely to request training footage while on campus.

Draft Canada press release will be sent for NMAC review this afternoon.

Administration

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GACC Priority: No change from today's IMSR order.

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

Group A has started training this morning.

All resources have arrived from Australia/New Zealand.

Military

Integrating with NW Team 2 as they transition onto Modrite.

Complex Incident Management Teams

3 CIMTs available; SA Team 1 on preposition in Sacramento, NR Team 2 and RM Team 3.

SW Team 1 extension for up to 7 days on Bug. -Support

Paradise CIMT replacement request DTN 8/17. Recommend allowing NW to fill internally with NW Team 7. -Support

All 3 All-Hazard IMTs would need some or all NWCG-qualified positions filled.

CIMT Coordinator will send an email outlining the NWCG support each All-Hazard IMT would need to the Associate Members. Revisit 8/14.

Highest Priority Document

Highest Priority document issued as a Letter.

Recommend posting to the NMAC webpage. -Support

