

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 14, 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 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: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☐ Eastern Area: Paul Ludgren
☒ 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: Mike Reid	☒ 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: Hans Ohme, George Geissler, Jim Prevette, Jason Miller, Dave Williams, Steve Miller, Maegan Maughan, Mike Mattfeldt, Kristin Kirschner, Stanton Florea, Jeremy Sullens, Col Little, Mark Williams, Aaron Baldwin, Bea Day, Mark Hilton, INLO, Trevor Pollock, Heath Cota, Beau Dobberstein, Jason Bruce, Eric Graff, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Shihming Huang, Shaun Jensen, Lindsey Lewis, John Mckee, Beale Monday, Brant Porter, Ricardo Reynoso, Casey Teske, Brock Uhlig, John Fox, Bea Day

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 15 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 145 new starts, 93 uncontained large fires, 74 international personnel, 240 military personnel, 4 MAFFS, 604 crews, 1,746 engines, 29,612 personnel assigned.

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

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber, 4,600 acres, 5% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 35 new starts, 45 uncontained large fires, 17 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Fielder Mountain – ODF Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, 400 acres, 0% contained.

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

Rowe Creek Complex – SW Team 2 TOC ODF Team 2 tomorrow, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 373,777 acres, 81% contained.

Rosenbaum – Active behavior, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – SA Team 2, managing Austin, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 87,000 acres, 20% contained.

Austin – Active behavior, timber, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – NR Team 6, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber, 4,700 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 55,000 acres, 11% contained.

Big Grass – NW Team 10, moderate behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 581,000 acres, 54% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 128,000 acres, 7% contained.

Ptarmigan – NIMO Team 3, moderate behavior, timber, 24,500 acres, 13% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 4 TOC Cal Fire Team 5 tomorrow, minimal behavior, received precipitation, 152,000 acres, 42% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – AK Team 2 TOC NW Team 2 tomorrow, received precipitation, moderate behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 138,200 acres, 81% contained.

Modrite – NW Team 3, managing Bradeen Hill and Hudspeth, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 57,600 acres, 80% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 30 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, moderate behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 4,445 acres, 7% contained.

Plains – 2,588 acres, 100% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL4, 10 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Sand Creek – NR Team 3, managing Bobcat Lakes, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, received precipitation, 27,800 acres, 0% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Active behavior, timber and brush, 9,680 acres, 6% contained.

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

Sillet – GB Team 7, minimal behavior, timber, 3,300 acres, 47% contained.

Upper Smith – Moderate behavior, received precipitation, 3,700 acres, 35% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, 8 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Bug – SW Team 1, managing Stallion, active behavior, light fuels, 91,100 acres, 31% contained.



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Stallion – No growth, active behavior, light fuels, 40,700 acres, 44% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 129,500 acres, 65% contained.

Black Canyon – Moderate behavior timber, evacuations, received precipitation, 3,500 acres, 26% contained.

Rocky Canyon – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 15,660 acres, 40% contained.

MM115 HWY 20 – 5,100 acres, 100% contained.

MM81 HWY 50 – IDL, moderate behavior, light fuels,

Southern Area: PL2, 29 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Pump Station – OK, active behavior, litter and timber, 100 acres, 25% contained.

Grass Burr – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 2,600 acres, 85% contained.

State Line – LA state, active behavior, timber, 150 acres, 75% contained.

Clearwater – VA, timber, active behavior, 250 acres, 40% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 11 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Elk – RM Team 2, managing Gold Mountain, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, received precipitation, 7,300 acres, 35% contained.

Gold Mountain – Moderate behavior, light fuels, received precipitation, 39,600 acres, 87% contained.

Post – Active behavior, light fuels, 4,200 acres, 25% contained.

Sheep Pen – Active behavior, light fuels, 700 acres, 30% contained.

Redwood – SD, minimal behavior, light fuels, 160 acres, 70% contained.

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

Thumb – EA Team 1 TOC SA Team 1 today, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber litter, 17,600 acres, 48% contained.

Bear Trap – Moderate behavior, timber litter, 29,991 acres, 44% contained.

Alaska: PL1, 1 uncontained large fire.

Tatlanika – Minimally staffed, active behavior, timber and grass, 31,000 acres, 15% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 10 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Frijoles – CA Team 8, active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 8,300 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Kerry Jones)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- Southerly winds up to 35 mph, unrelenting extreme heat, and 15-30% RH will create elevated to locally critical fire conditions in the southern Plains today with very hot and dry conditions in the Lower Mississippi River Valley, and expanding eastward to southeast Atlantic Coast while winds gradually decrease in Oklahoma and northwest Texas into the weekend
- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms possible in the western High Plains, including the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, while isolated thunderstorms in parts of central and south Texas may result in new ignitions
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for portions of far northern California, in/near the Cascades into the Inland Northwest and central Idaho
- Mostly wet thunderstorms in the monsoon plume to the south and east and potential will remain lowest overall in portions of southern California, Arizona, the southern Great Basin and Montana east of the Divide
- 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
- Tropical Storm Lala is expected to affect Hawai'i through the weekend, with breezy/dry northeast winds today bringing elevated fire weather conditions, before the storm passes to the south this weekend with strong winds, widespread rain, and areas of flooding

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Very hot and dry conditions with little to no significant rainfall in the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi River Valley through next weekend
- Mostly dry in the Southeast and Florida into next weekend except for isolated thunderstorms bringing localized relief but also potential new ignitions
- A warming/drying trend is expected most of next week in the West, but considerable uncertainty exists in the forecast next week in the northern half of the West due to potential impulses moving in from an eastern Pacific upper-level trough
- The monsoon will wane for most areas next week, with low to moderate grade conditions most likely for Arizona and the Four Corners



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		42	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	122	0	
HELO TYPE2	52	0	
HELO TYPE3	74	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT			
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	66	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	159	0	
CREW TYPE 2	445		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	65	149	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	9	
RAPPELERS		113	
CATERERS	26	0	
SHOWERS	55	2	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	18
TANKER	1
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	3
IR	13
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	0
ENGINES	8
OVERHEAD	202 – HEQB, SEC, SOF, TFLD
PENDING	313 oh, 3 e, 44 T1/T2IA crews, 3 T2 crews, 24 heli



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- NTR

California – Jay Kurth

- Anticipating Talbot to be short duration, no overnight growth, line is around it. Timber is well-established, looking at a lot of indirect dozer line and holding points.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- SA Team 1 has assumed command of the fires in MN as of this morning.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL5, trending towards PL5. Prioritizing 8 large incidents. Increased containment on Bug and Stallion, repopulating. Procession occurring in UT today for the pilots lost on Widemouth 2.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Discussing PL3 tonight on GMAC call.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Sonny Caldwell

- IA has picked up in WA and OR despite significant precipitation. CIMT extension request rationale expected for Wrights Spring.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- NTR

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Jim Prevette

- In desperate need of Aerial Supervision.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- NTR



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

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USFS – Russ Long – Jon Teutrine

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- 2 FMAGs approved for Train Tressel in ?? and OR.

NASF – Greg Smith

- Filling orders in AK with state resources. 5 National Guard crews in WA will be reloaded, searching for crew bosses.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Canadian airtankers are progressing well, availability on track for 0900 on 8/15 in Boise.

Awaiting additional information regarding CL415 availability from Canada.

Expecting some rotor-wing availability in NR and RM, several mechanical delays.

One rappel ship down mechanical, crew is sharing ships with another, no delay in IA.

RFA approved for 5th tail for 8/19 in Klamath Falls, MAFFS 5 is currently down mechanical but expecting back in service at 1600.

34 UAS modules mobilized. T1 remains at Wrights Spring.

48 active TFRs.

IAA platform moved yesterday from NR to RM.

6 crews available today: 1 internal to NOPS, 1 to NR, 3 to NW, 1 internal to GB.

Good crew availability coming back into the system in the next week.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5, vast majority of activity continues in BC.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Local Channel 6 story interviewing INLO is posted.

Boise State Public Radio story TBD.

Range media requesting international numbers. Will follow up.

Canadian aircraft public release with NMAC for review.

Need to identify interviewee and talking points.

Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NW, GB, NR, RM, NOPS, SOPS, SW, EA, SA – Will follow up with intel.

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Military

Ground force on Modrite and Kaiser Canyon seeing significant increase in containment.

Ensure there is ample work for the ground resources.

Tomorrow is day 7, NW Team 2 will be taking over the incidents tomorrow.

Days off will be staggered based on MCADs and overhead.

Advise identifying a new location 8/21-8/23 if relocation is desired.

Expecting a VIP Army Senior Leadership visit on 8/20.

Revisit



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Canadian Aviation

Memo distributed this morning for review.

Birddog and flight crew have been carded for below 500 feet.

Working on additional SOP document for coordination system, dispatch centers, aviation etc.

Memo will be reviewed and distributed by 1630 MST today.

International

Engine training and team orientation ongoing today.

Planning demobilizations for first group of international resources.

Complex Incident Management Teams

GB cancelled CIMT order for Widemouth 2, request to extend GB Team 2 for up to 7 days. -

Support

Ensure messaging is repeated regarding CIMTs not completing suppression repair work.

4 CIMTs available – SA (prepo), RM, NR, GB

SA Team is amenable to holding on preposition for the time being.

FDNY will be available later in September.

NIMO Team 1 is available.

NIIC-D

Incidents are keeping radio equipment after incident has scaled back to local or T4 level as well as during the completion of rehab work.

Once the complexity has decreased, the responsibility of radio equipment and resources falls back to the local unit.

National resources must be sent back to be put back in the system ASAP.

Repeaters are in short supply.

Associates should relay the message back to their GAs that radio equipment must be returned.

Safety

Concern with many IWIs not being communicated up.

Recommend mobilizing a Fire and Aviation Safety Team to NW. -Support

NW will discuss FAST team for concurrence.

National team personnel could be lined up and mobilized based on specific needs.

Revisit

