

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 15, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Maegan Maughan	Information
National Fire Weather Update	John Fox	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Maegan Maughan	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	LJ Brown	Information
International	Maegan Maughan	Information
Administration	Maegan Maughan	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: Maegan Maughan	☐ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Paul Ludgren
☒ Great Basin: Mike Krupski	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Sonny Caldwell
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: John Fox
☒ 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: Chief Fennessy, Jeremy Sullens, Col Little, Mark Williams, Ryan McCliment, INLO, Mike Riker, Trevor Pollock, Stanton Florea, Beau Dobberstein, Erik Litzenberg, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Shaun Jensen, Kristin Kirschner, John Mckee, Harold Riggs, Bryan Stamps

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, 16 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Maegan Maughan)

PL5, 125 new starts, 88 uncontained large fires, 24 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 3 international IMTs, 196 international fireline personnel, 4 MAFFS, 240 military personnel, 598 crews, 1,715 engines, 179 helicopters, 29,363 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 19 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, 4,655 acres, 5% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 25 new starts, lightning and moisture, 25 new starts, 43 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 131,700 acres, 10% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, managing Grand Park 2, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,603 acres, 2% contained.

Sinlahekin – WA DNR, Cal Fire Team 4 TOC Cal Fire Team 5 today, moderate behavior, timber, 152,600 acres, 42% contained.

Paradise – NR Team 6, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber and light fuels, 4,900 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 55,700 acres, 11% contained.

Grasshopper – SA Team 2, managing Austin, active behavior, timber, 86,900 acres, 30% contained.

Austin – Active behavior, timber and brush, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 53,000 acres, 9% contained.

Fielder Mtn – ODF Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 544 acres, 7% contained.

Rosenbaum – OR DOF, extreme behavior, 230 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 15 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, moderate behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 4,500 acres, 12% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, decreased this morning, 6 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Sand Creek – NR Team 3, managing Bobcat Lakes, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, evacuations, 31,650 acres, 0% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, received precipitation, 9,791 acres, 6% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 7, minimal behavior, 55% contained.

Great Basin: PL5, decreasing to PL4 at 1800 today, 22 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Bug – SW Team 1, managing Stallion, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber,

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 129,500 acres, 70% contained.



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

Rocky Canyon – UT DOF, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, received precipitation, 15,950 acres, 56% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, increase in IA in OK and TX, 15 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMENT.

Wichita Hills – OK, 300 acres.

Woodson Creek – Active behavior, grass and timber, 2,400 acres, 5% contained.

Snake Mountain – OK DOF, extreme behavior, timber, 647 acres, 15% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, received beneficial rains, 5 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

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

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

Eastern Area: PL2, 6 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Thumb – SA Team 1, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, timer litter, 24,700 acres, 35% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 9 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Frijoles – CA Team 8, active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 724 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (John Fox)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Monday)

- 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 this weekend, with isolated thunderstorms today to elevate potential in southeast Alaska before cooler conditions are expected next week with widespread rain for southwest/south-central Alaska and the western Interior
- Tropical Storm Lala is expected to affect Hawai'i through the weekend, with very heavy rain, strong winds, and widespread flooding likely, especially for the Big Island and Maui where widespread rainfall of 5-15 inches is expected with locally higher amounts.

Long-term (Tuesday through next Monday)

- 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 into next weekend in the West, with temperatures 10-20°F above normal likely Friday into Saturday, along with lower RH and areas of poor overnight recovery for mid-slopes and ridges
- The monsoon wanes for most of next week with the monsoon thunderstorms most likely to be in Arizona and the Four Corners
- An upper-level trough will move into the northwestern U.S. next week on the back side of the heat with mixed wet/dry thunderstorms possible, but there remains considerable uncertainty in location and how wet or dry the thunderstorms will be



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

NTR



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Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT		61	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		21	
HELO TYPE1	120	0	
HELO TYPE2	52	0	
HELO TYPE3	73	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	20	3	
T3 IMT			
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	65	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	165	0	
CREW TYPE 2	430	54	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	56	158	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	13	
RAPPELERS		85	
CATERERS	25	0	
SHOWERS	56	2	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	9
AIR ATTACK	
IR	12
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	8
ENGINES	4
OVERHEAD	309 – DIVS, dispatch, COMC, SEC
PENDING	358 overhead, 3 engines, 21 rotor-wing



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

- Currently at drawdown, sending one helicopter south, no critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- Local government T3 IMT on hardcover is being released today.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- EA Team demobilized, SA Team in place, need for 3 crews and 3 engines.

Great Basin – John Foley – Mike Krupski

- PL4 today at 1800, making good progress on all incidents.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

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Northwest – Brian Ebert – Sonny Caldwell

- Good success on IA and good progress on extended attack incidents. Miners Ridge is a new start that will be long duration, currently at 4 acres in extremely difficult terrain. Today is the memorial for Dozer Operator on Wrights Spring.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL3, discussing PL on Monday. 50-acre spot outside the Gold Mountain, utilizing borrowed crew from GB.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Anticipate resource orders with uptick in activity. Critical need for aerial supervision.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, evaluating on Monday. No critical needs. Anticipating extension request for CA Team 8.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

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USFS – Russ Long – Jone Teutrine

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Sand Creek received an FMAG last night.

NASF – Greg Smith

- Intermediate overhead from Canada received through compact in addition from Hawaii to support OR and WA. NC was able to provide 7/8 FFT1 for the National Guard resources.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Busy day for aerial delivered firefighters in the NW yesterday.

NMAC Memo and SOPs distributed yesterday afternoon regarding Canadian aircraft, available today.

MAFFS 4 is down.

T1 UAS moving from Wrights Spring to Big Grass in the next couple of days.

34 UMODs out.

Yellow IWI on Modrite yesterday assessed and released, military personnel.

2,634 frequencies assigned, borrowing from 10 different agencies.

8 crews moved today, 20 pending orders this morning.

32 crews will come back into the system over the next 5 days.



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Liaison Report Out

Safety – Tyler McCowan

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NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

BSU Public Radio story may air nationally.

No new media requests.

Once Canadian press release is approved, it will be released.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

1 engine task force going to Grasshopper, 3 to Little Giant, 1 to GB potentially Widemouth 2.

2 crews mobilizing to Little Giant, 2 crews to GB for IA.

1 IMT mobilizing to High Lava, 1 to Rowe Creek Complex.

Overhead mobilizing to Grasshopper and Little Giant.



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Complex Incident Management Teams

Wrights Spring extension request for NW Team 8 up to 7 days. -Revisit Wrights Spring CIMT need after tactical discussion.

ISAP presentation will occur tomorrow, political pressure to go direct rather than following their burn plan. Considering a CIMT replacement vs extension based on ISAP.

Consider mobilizing SA Team 3 to Paradise.

Expecting extension request for CA Team 8 on Frijoles.

Evaluate return to NISRM national rotation rules, including 3:1 and limiting mobilization to the teams with just 1 assignment until all have at least 2. -Discuss Tuesday.

FAST Team

NW fully supports mobilizing an NMAC FAST Team.

NMAC will work with Safety to build a FAST Team and draft a delegation.

ICAP

Working on IMT application form for months.

Link will be distributed to a limited test group.

Application is straight forward.

Email direction from Jesse will explain all nuances.

Elected to not have an automated message to the supervisors in this version.

Submission of the form produces a PowerBI Platform that allows personnel to see an ICAP Application Report for all GAs or by position.

On the back end, there is a FireNet Hub that Coordinating Groups can view with applicants' personal information for selection.

All agencies are available under host agency dropdown.

The ICAP process will provide the data directly to the CIMT Coordinator replacing the need for GA data calls.

T3 IMTs are not built into the current ICAP system but can be added.

Consider adding dispatch teams. None of the positions are built into the background catalog, addition would need to be a next phase discussion.

Provide any feedback and updates to Jesse for the ICAP form and process.

Jesse will work on minor updates to the ICAP process for distributions and testing as well as the email with direction.

Fuels Briefing

Consider what information NMAC would like moving forward after Steve retires in the fall.

Canadian Press Release

Review press release for Canadian aircraft utilization by 1400 today.

