

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 16, 2026

1100-1135

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	John Fox	Information

Attendees:

☐ Chair: Chuck Russell	☒ Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☐ USWFS: Chuck Russell	☐ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☐ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☐ California: John Goss	☒ Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren
☒ Great Basin: Chris Delaney	☐ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☐ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☐ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☐ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☐ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: John Fox
☐ Crews: Chase Maness	☐ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☐ External Affairs: Rebecca Paterson	☒ DOW: Colonel Jason Little
☐ USWFS Aviation: Matt Shaddle	☒ USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton	☐ Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
☒ NIIC-D: Kim Albracht	☐ Cache: Nate Hesse	☐ IR: Kat Sorenson
☐ Safety:	☐ Strategic Analytics:	☐ Smokejumpers:
☐ CGAC:	☒ Note-taker: Lisa Sandoval	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Sonny Caldwell, Jason Loomis, Harold Riggs, Kurt Rohrbach, Jason Bruce, Kristin Kirschner, Shaun Jensen, Jay Kurth, LJ Brown, Tyler McCowan, Jason Miller, Beale Monday, Seth Morphis, Dave Williams, Beau Dobberstein, Mike Krupski, Megan Heffentrager, Marcus Medina, Bryan Stamps

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 17 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

30 days at PL5. Light IA. 8 new large fires. 5 large fires contained. 87 uncontained large fires. 240 AUS/NZ personnel assigned. 4 MAFFS, 240 soldiers assigned. 29,550 personnel assigned.

Northwest:

PL5. 41 uncontained large fires. 12 CIMTs, 1 NIMO committed.
More than half of fires in Northwest are at 80% contained or higher
Fielder Mtn Fire: ODF Team 1 assigned. Precip. 575 acres. 18% contained.
Wright Springs Fire: 53,560 acres. 47% contained.
Austin Fire: SA Team 2 assigned. Active behavior. 2,022 acres. 0% contained.
Grasshopper Fire: SA Team 2 assigned. 90,100 acres. 37% contained.
Three Queens Fire: NW Team 13 assigned. Active behavior. 3,600 acres. 2% contained.
Little Giant Fire: NW Team 12 assigned. Active behavior. 133,000 acres. 10% contained.
Ptarmigan Fire: NIMO Team 3 assigned. Moderate behavior. 40% contained.
Sinlahekin Fire: Cal Fire Team 5 assigned. Light precip. Moderate behavior. 44% contained.
Kaiser Canyon Fire: NW Team 2 assigned. 138,000 acres. 83% contained.
Modrite Fire: Precip. 83% contained.
Paradise Fire: NR Team 6 assigned. Active behavior. Light precip. 5,000 acres. 0% contained.
Hagan Fire: 55,700 acres. 14% contained.
Big Grass Fire: NW Team 10 assigned. Precip. 578,000 acres. 72% contained.
Goose Fire: 950 acres. 0% contained. Full containment expected 8/22.

Great Basin:

PL4. 8 uncontained large fires. 2 CIMTs committed.
Shoshone Fire: Expected to be short duration.
Bug Fire: SW Team 1 assigned. Precip. 94,000 acres. 76% contained.
Stallion Fire: 40,600 acres. 81% contained.
Widemouth 2 Fire: GB Team 2 assigned. 80% contained.
Black Canyon Fire: 36% contained.
Rocky Canyon Fire: Moderate behavior. 16,000 acres. 72% contained.
Doublesprings Fire: Precip. 18% contained.
Big Foot Fire: Active behavior. 1,200 acres. 0% contained.
Bare Fire: 100% contained.

North Ops:

PL3. 2 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.
Milepost 18 Fire: CA Team 1 assigned. Active behavior. Structures and communications infrastructure threatened. 5,700 acres. 19% contained.
Talbot Fire: Minimal behavior. 132 acres. 55% contained. Full containment expected 8/19.

Southern Area:

PL2. 8 uncontained large fires.
Activity in OK/TX. Mobilizing aviation assets.
Burnt Canyon Fire: Extreme behavior. 3,300 acres. 0% contained. Full containment expected 8/18.



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Wichita Hills Fire: Active behavior. 315 acres. 0% containment. Full containment expected 8/17.

Woodson Creek Fire: 90% contained.

Cedar Hill Fire: 320 acres. 100% contained.

The H1 Fire: 500 acres. 15% contained. Expected short duration.

South Ops:

PL3. 1 uncontained large fire. 1 CIMT committed.

Timber Fire: Cal Fire Team 1 assigned. Minimal behavior. 4,900 acres. 15% contained. Full containment expected 9/1.

Rocky Mountain:

PL3. 9 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.

Elk Fire: RM Team 2 assigned. 7,300 acres. 35% contained.

Gold Mountain Fire: 87% contained.

Post Fire: 45% contained.

Northern Rockies:

PL3. 12 uncontained large fires. 2 CIMTs committed.

Upper Smith Fire: Minimal behavior. 38% contained.

Little Weitas Fire: 400 acres. Unstaffed. 0% contained.

Sand Creek Fire: NR Team 3 assigned. 1% contained.

Bobcat Lake Fire: 10% contained.

Moose Fire: Moderate behavior. Precip. 0% contained.

Skillet Fire: GB Team 7 assigned. Minimal behavior. 64% contained.

Southwest:

PL2. 2 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.

Frijoles Fire: active. 9,000 acres. 12% contained.

Eastern Area:

PL2. 4 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.

Thumb Fire: SA Team 1 assigned. Precip. 42% contained.

Camp Fire: 97% contained.



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Predictive Services Update National Fire Weather Update (John Fox)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Tuesday)

- A very strong ridge of high pressure will remain situated over south-central and southeast US resulting in high temperatures in the upper 90s and 100s. These temperatures combined with breezy winds and low relative humidity levels will result in critical fire weather conditions, especially across Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi.
- Tropical Storm Lala is expected exit the Hawaiian Island late tonight, but expect more heavy rainfall and strong winds, especially for the western Islands before it departs.
- Thunderstorms will continue each day along the periphery of the strong ridge. This will generally impact locations from the Desert Southwest into the central Plains and into the Mid-Atlantic states and Florida.
- Isolated thunderstorms are also expected for the next several days over the Northern Rockies.
- Conditions will begin to warm and dry across much of the Western US by early next week. Gap winds in the lee of the Cascades could result in critical fire weather conditions across portions of eastern Washington and eastern Oregon.

Long-term (Wednesday through next Monday)

- A warming/drying trend is expected into next weekend in the West, with temperatures 8-15°F above normal likely by Friday along with lower RH and areas of poor overnight recovery for mid-slopes and ridges
- The monsoon wanes for most of the week with the monsoon thunderstorms most likely to be in eastern Arizona and New Mexico.
- An upper-level trough will move into the Northwest U.S. either Friday or Saturday resulting in isolated/scattered thunderstorms as well as gusty winds.

