

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 18, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	John Fox	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
Administration	Sean Peterson	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

☐ Chair: Chuck Russell	☒ Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Brian Achziger	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Miller
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ 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: 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: Emmaly Read
☒ NIIC-D: Kim Albracht	☒ Cache: Nate Hesse	☐ IR: Kat Sorenson
☒ Safety: Tyler McCowan	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Grant Beebe, George Geissler, Mark Goeller, Hans Ohme, Maegan Maughan, Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, David Lee, Jim Wallmann, Mike Mattfeldt, Mark Williams, Perry Breitenstein, Erik Litzenberg, Jason Bruce, Scott Dehnisch, Beat Dobberstein, Eric Graff, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Shaun Jensen, Kristin Kirschner, Mike Krupski, Lindsey Lewis, Col Little, John McKee, Marcus Medina, Trevor Pollock, Harold Riggs, Bryan Stamps, Micke Theune, Dave Williams, INLO, NWCG guests, Court Wallace, Sonny Caldwell, Beale Monday

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 19 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 147 new starts, 76 uncontained large fires, 21 CIMTs, 3 international IMTs, 196 international fireline personnel, 240 military personnel, 4 MAFFS, 28,509 personnel committed.

North Ops: PL3, 12 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber, 7,000 acres, 22% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 9 new starts, 34 uncontained large fires, 12 CIMTs.

Grasshopper – SA Team 2, managing Austin and Narrows, active behavior, evacuations, 91,375 acres, 49% contained.

Austin – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 2,700 acres, 0% contained.

The Narrows – Moderate behavior, timber, 142 acres, 0% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,725 acres, 2% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 136,000 acres, 10% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 5, managing Reeves Basin, moderate behavior, timber, 154,000 acres, 44% contained.

Reeves Basin – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 250 acres, 40% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NW Team 2, managing Modrite, timber and brush, 138,200 acres, 84% contained.

Modrite – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 57,600 acres, 90% contained.

Paradise – NR Team 6 TOC SA Team 3 tomorrow, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber and light fuels, 5,333 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 56,800 acres, 17% contained.

Big Grass – NW Team 10, active behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations,

Picture Rock –

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 54,000 acres, 53% contained.

Fielder Mtn – ODF, ODF Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, 38% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, minimal behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 5,100 acres, 21% contained.

130-acre brush fire, forward progress stopped.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 10 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Sarpy – Light fuels and timber, active behavior, 900 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 3, managing Bobcat Lakes, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 31,600 acres, 1% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 9,700 acres, 10% contained.

Skillet – GB Team 7 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber, 3,300 acres, 82% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 8 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Bug – SW Team 1 TOC local unit tomorrow, managing Stallion, minimal behavior, light fuels, 93,733 acres, 87% contained.



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Stallion – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 40,600 acres, 85% contained.

Shoshone – Light fuels, active behavior, 11,000 acres, 0% contained.

Black Canyon – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 3,500 acres, 47% contained.

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2, minimal behavior, timber, 129,700 acres, 91% contained.

Rocky Canyon – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 16,400 acres, 85% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 73 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires.

Bayou Combest – 1,400 acres, 35% contained.

The H1 – Minimal behavior, grass, 4,000 acres, 50% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 5 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Elk – RM Team 2, managing Gold Mountain, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 7,341 acres, 35% contained.

Gold Mountain – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 39,690 acres, 87% contained.

Eastern Area: P2, 11 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Thumb – SA Team 1, managing 3 other incidents, minimal behavior, timber litter, received precipitation, 24,755 acres, 44% contained.

Alaska: PL2

Mukluk – State of AK, IMT ordered, timber, evacuations, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

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

Frijoles – CA Team 8, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 12,450 acres, 9% contained.

Cato 2 – 100% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (John Fox)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- Very hot temperatures in the upper 90s and 100s combined with occasionally breezy winds, unstable conditions and low relative humidity levels will result in critical fire weather conditions through Wednesday. The driest and windiest conditions will impact Texas and Oklahoma.
- Very warm and breezy conditions are expected today over the Western US, especially across the Great Basin into portions of the Pacific Northwest. Today will be the most critical day of the three due the broader coverage and stronger winds across the Columbia Basin, Columbia Gorge and into the Snake River and Lower Palouse in southeast Washington.
- Record dry fuels will combine with hot temperatures and scattered thunderstorms over southern Florida on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Thunderstorms will continue each day along a slowly advancing cold front over the central Plains into the Mid-Atlantic states. Daily thunderstorms are also expected in the Desert Southwest.
- A building ridge of high pressure will bring a gradual warming and drying trend to the West. Winds will generally decrease from today. The hottest temperatures will occur over western Arizona with readings from 110 to 115F.

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- Well above normal temperatures are expected across the northern half of the West Friday with low afternoon RH of 7-20% and fair to poor overnight recovery, with isolated to scattered mainly dry thunderstorms late Friday, but especially Saturday for the Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies
- Above normal temperatures will persist behind the thunderstorms early next week, with increasing winds likely in the northern half of the West mid to late next week with a breakdown in the upper-level ridge
- Very hot temperatures and low RH will continue in the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley through next week, with a period of breezy south winds in the southern Plains late next week, and activity is likely to continue its gradual increase
- Above normal temperatures in the southern half of the West, as well, but will be locally moderated this weekend into early next week due to isolated to scattered wet thunderstorms from the monsoon, but not all areas will receive wetting rain



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		42	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1	109	0	
HELO TYPE2	49	0	
HELO TYPE3	68	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	21	7	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	70	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	161	3	
CREW TYPE 2	370	15	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	43	144	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	0	
RAPPELERS		89	
CATERERS	25	0	
SHOWERS	53	3	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	18
TANKER	2
HELO	4
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	7
UAS	
SCOOPER	4
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2
ENGINES	2
OVERHEAD	115 – SEC, TFLD
PENDING	146 oh, 16 T1, 1 T2, 12 helo



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL2. Mukluk burned actively all night, received FMAG.

California – Jay Kurth

- Discussing IMT rotation for Milepost 18 and Timber.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley – Mike Krupski

- PL4, will continue to evaluate criteria. Several engines broke down on Australian task force, replacing engines. Prepared for new IA from lightning.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- No issues or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Making good progress on existing large fires, potential for holdovers. Working through CIMT glidepath.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, no concerns or needs.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no issues or concerns.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- 1 NIMO Team available.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- No issues for most states. 20+ structures lost on Mukluk in AK, potentially mobilizing IMT, mobilizing crews through compact from Canada, need additional scoopers.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Sending as much support to AK as possible.

MAFFS 4 remains down, expect to be available tomorrow.

MAFFS 9 will be available tomorrow in Klamath Falls.

10 SMKJ from Missoula mobilizing to AK.

Miles City SMKJ base will be closing.

38 active TFRs.

Assessing AK and TX IAA needs.

Increase in containment on Modrite, military ground forces relocating to Little Giant later this week.

24 crew orders, filled with 8 available crews.

21 crews coming available over the next 4 days.

Potential need for extensions of temporary employees through agencies, impacting air bases, caches, etc.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5. Primary focus on BC.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

1 reporter requesting to interview Australian airtanker.

Aircraft has US pilots.

Administration

PL – 5 (4.82)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

Minor injuries among the hand crews.

Working to replace two broken engines in GB.

Replacement INLO enroute to Boise.

Recommend recognition for the personnel who supported the effort logistically.

Military

Move to Little Giant will occur between tomorrow and Thursday.

Working on Land Use Agreement.

VIP visit to current Modrite

Complex Incident Management Teams

Little Giant CIMT replacement request. -Revisit in exec

Mukluk CIMT request DTN today request to assign AK Team 1. -Support, provided 24 required positions are filled

Three Queens extension request for NW Team 13 for up to 7 days. Planning a complex phased burn plan. -Extension not supported.

-Recommend requesting a rationale for a CIMT replacement.

-Revisit 8/19

7 CIMTs available today.

Return to following *NISRM* rules for National Rotation, including following Assignment Limits and National Capacity Protection. Today, this makes CA first up, followed by GB, and NR. All other GAs are either unavailable or all teams have 2+ assignments. Recommend filling Little Giant with CA CIMT. -Support

