

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 19, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	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	Erica Lamb	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: 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: Paul Ludgren
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Harold Riggs
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☐ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ 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: Court Wallace
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: LJ Brown, Grant Beebe, Mark Goeller, Hans Ohme, Jeremy Sullens, Mike Krupski, Dave Williams, Jason Miller, Steve Miller, John Fox, Maegan Maughan, Megan Kephart, Col Little, Mike Mattfeldt, Mark Williams, David Lee, Perry Breitenstein, Beau Dobberstein, Scott Dehnisch, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Kristin Kirschner, Lindsey Lewis, John Mckee, Marcus Medina, Ben Oakleaf, Brant Porter, Ricardo Reynoso, Jake Sjolund, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Kevin Sweeney, Mike Theune, Los Padres IHC, Alex Melitsis

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 20 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 97 new starts, 75 uncontained large fires, 22 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 221 international personnel, 240 Title 10 troops, 552 crews, 1,465 engines, 162 helicopters, 26,890 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 10 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, 7,300 acres, 40% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 7 new starts, 34 uncontained large fires, 13 CIMTs.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, active behavior, managing Grand Park 2, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,800 acres, 2% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, CA Team 5 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 137,300 acres, 10% contained.

Border 2 – 15,000 acres, 31% contained.

Luna – Unstaffed

Ptarmigan – Moderate behavior,

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 5, moderate behavior, timber, received precipitation, 154,250 acres, 44% contained.

Kaiser Canyon – NW Team 2, managing Modrite, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 138,298 acres, 86% contained.

Modrite – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 57,600 acres, 92% contained.

Paradise – NR Team 6 TOC SA Team 3, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber and light fuels, 5,400 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 58,000 acres, 19% contained.

Big Grass – NW Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 579,000 acres, 85% contained.

Picture Rock – Moderate behavior, 1,277 acres, 20% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8, NW Team 7 mobilizing, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 54,130 acres, 55% contained.

Fielder Mtn – ODF Team 1, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 573 acres, 53% contained.

Grasshopper – SA Team 2, managing Austin and Narrows, active behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 91,800 acres, 57% contained.

Austin – Active behavior, timber and brush, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

The Narrows – Moderate behavior, timber, 143 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 22 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, moderate behavior, light fuels, 5,200 acres, 24% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 5 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Upper Smith – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,800 acres, 38% contained.

Cherry Peak – Lolo NF, timber, 130 acres, 2% contained.

Black Bear – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, 2,100 acres, 21% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 3, managing Bobcat Lakes, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, 31,667 acres, 2% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 9,800 acres, 19% contained.



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Moose – Moderate behavior, timber, 5,800 acres, 6% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 7 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Bug – SW Team 1 TOC local unit today, managing Stallion, minimal behavior, light fuels, 93,733 acres, 94% contained.

Shoshone – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 14,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Canyon – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 16,500 acres, 85% contained.

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

Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, 129,700 acres, 93% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 27 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires.

Jackson HWY 90 – Southern rough, active behavior, 1,400 acres, 35% contained.

Main Trail – Southern rough, active behavior, 360 acres, 20% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 10 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Elk – RM Team 2, managing Gold Mountain, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 7,200 acres, 35% contained.

Gold Mountain – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 39,691 acres, 87% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, 1 new start, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Thumb – SA Team 1, managing 2 other incidents, minimal behavior, timber litter, 25,000 acres, 46% contained.

Sioux – Minimal behavior, timber litter, 6,800 acres, 53% contained.

Bear Trap – Minimal behavior, timber litter, 30,800 acres, 51% contained.

Alaska: PL2, 1 new start, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Mukluk – AK Team 1 mobilizing, burning in Tok, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 5,100 acres, 16% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 7 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Bluebird – Brush, 300 acres.

Frijoles – CA Team 8, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 14,000 acres, 13% contained.



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Predictive Services Update National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- 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 today across the Southern Plains. The driest and windiest conditions will impact Texas and Oklahoma.
- Conditions will warm and dry across the Western US. Afternoon RH values will drop into the single digits and teens across much of the region and overnight recoveries in the Inland Northwest and Great Basin will become poor.
- Record dry fuels will combine with hot temperatures and scattered thunderstorms over southern Florida on today 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 strong trough of low pressure will head to the Pacific Northwest late Friday and will bring hot temperatures as well as a slight chance of fast-moving, dry thunderstorms which will could continue into the overnight hours.
- While most of Alaska will be cooler and wetter, downslope south winds will occur in the southeast Interior around Tok keeping conditions there mild and dry, while a potential tropical storm passes south of Hawai'i this weekend for increased winds and potentially heavy rain.

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Isolated dry thunderstorms are expected Saturday across portions of the Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies which will be followed by increased west to southwesterly winds Saturday afternoon into Sunday. An increase in fire activity is likely due to new ignitions and increased growth on existing large fires
- After brief cooling Sunday, temperatures will rise above normal once again early next week in the northern half of the West as the ridge rebuilds before a potential ridge breakdown occurs late next week with widespread increased wind in the northern half to two-thirds of the West
- Very hot temperatures and low RH will continue in the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley through next week, and spread into New Mexico mid to late next week, with moderate to occasionally high-risk significant fire potential
- After a brief increase in the monsoon for the Greater Four Corners this weekend, it will weaken significantly by mid-next week, with potentially few, if any, thunderstorms in the Southwest, Utah, and Colorado late next week



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Three active Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories.

National Strategic Analytics (Rick Stratton)

Assessed 36 fires across 7 GACCs.

1 NW 2 NOPS 3 AK 4 NR

Expect to see an uptick in NW and NR while other GAs will maintain current levels.

CA will expect more of the same large fire growth and maybe an uptick.

GB will see pockets of activity remain in southern/central ID and NV, but more moisture.

Active fire perimeter numbers drastically decreased from last week.

NR has a high proportion of uncontained fireline compared to total fireline.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	3
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		42	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	61	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	21	0	
HELO TYPE1		0	
HELO TYPE2		0	
HELO TYPE3		1	
LARGE TRANS			Flying 4 crews up to AK.
CIMT	22	7	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	69	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	165	2	
CREW TYPE 2	351	25	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	74	119	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13		
RAPPELERS		92	
CATERERS	26	0	
SHOWERS	55	2	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	7
TANKER	
HELO	3
AIR ATTACK	
IR	4
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	10 IHC for prepo, 2 camp crews
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	79 – HEQB, TFLD, field observer
PENDING	70 overhead, 1 CIMT, 10 T1/T2IA crews, 1 T2 crews, 15 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL2. Expect Mukluk to continue on current path, received 17 personnel through compact with Canada, appreciate NICC Jet and crew support.

California – Jay Kurth

- Abbreviated MAC call yesterday to discuss prioritization of Timber and Milepost 18.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Miller

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley – Mike Krupski

- Decreased to PL3 at 0700, all large fires making good progress. Black Canyon TOC local T3 on Saturday. International resource engines replaced, mobilized to Shoshone.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Aggressive suppression approach on Cherry Peak. Expecting busy day of IA with lightning. Billings ATB closed through the weekend from 1000-1630 daily not allowing RON due to airshow.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL5, notable increase of fire activity across large incidents. Continued success on Grasshopper. Expect 3 large fires to be transitioned to lower complexities. Anticipating lightning over the weekend.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- NTR

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- MPR take on international firefighters was well put together.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

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USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

Almost 4,000 miles of hose, 182,000 MREs, millions of batteries etc. has been issued from the cache system,

All short haul and rappel aircraft are on.

Jump 11 RON in Fairbanks and is headed south today.

5th MAFFS will be on today, MAFFS 9.

2 temporary towers have been released.

1 NIROPS is out of service mechanical.

Ground force main body will move to Little Giant tomorrow.

Downtrend in RIST support.

1 IHC and 1 T2IA crew assigned in AK.

11 total crew requests today, 5 crews available today.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5, main focus on BC.

Australia issued seasonal outlook for this year, showing significant fire potential.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Boise State Public Radio story was posted this morning.

Channel 6 reporter would like to film tour of airtanker and interview pilot. FS is running that to ground.

Administration

PL – 5 (4.8)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

Planning for demob/closeout/AAR for first contingent of 70 personnel next week.

Some engine issues, being taken care of promptly in the field.

Replacement INLO arriving at 1530.

Military

Military leadership visit scheduled for Thursday.

FS and USWFS planning executive leadership meeting on 8/22.

Complex Incident Management Teams

3 replacement requests and 2 extensions.

8 CIMTs available.

Bobcat Lakes/Sand Creek request 2-day extension for NR Team 3 smooth transition with T3 IMT on 8/24. -Support

Milepost 18 replacement CIMT request. Recommend CA filling internally. -Support

Timber replacement CIMT request expected tomorrow.

Grasshopper/Austin/Narrows CIMT replacement request. -Support

-Monitoring the need for Austin/Narrows would be split out with their own CIMT.

Three Queens request 3-day extension for NW Team 13 and replacement CIMT. -Support

Recommend filling Grasshopper and Three Queens with next 2 CIMTs on the national rotation (GB and NR). -Support

CA Team 5 assigned to Little Giant.

Today national rotation order: CA

Tomorrow national rotation order: CA, GB

Ensure clarity in how the rotation will work once all CIMTs have reached 2 assignments.

Do Cal Fire or ODF Teams count towards 3:1? They are not counted towards the federal interagency CIMTs.

Add to NISRM: State CIMTs that would typically be CIMT-assigned fires do not reset your 3:1 or count towards it.

