

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 20, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	John Fox	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	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: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Goldman
☒ 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: 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: Brian Achziger, Brian Fennessy, Hans Ohme, Mark Goeller, Mike Krupski, Jason Miller, Harold Riggs, Maegan Maughan, Megan Kephart, Jeremy Sullens, Perry Breitenstein, Mike Riker, John McKee, Col Little, Mike Henry, Scott Dehnisch, Shaun Jensen, Kevin Sweeney, Mike Rubenstein, Beau Dobberstein, Alex Melitsis, David Lee, John Fox, Mark Williams, Eric Graff, Ben Gannon, Wade Clack, Casey Cheesbrough, Megan Heffentrager, Mark Hilton, Kristin Kirschner, Lindsey Lewis, Marcus Medina, Trevor Pollock, Seth Morphis, Brant Porter, Jake Sjolund, Penny States, Casey Teske, INLO

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 21 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 130 new starts, 72 uncontained large fires, 20 CIMTs, 5 MAFFS, 240 active-duty military personnel, 241 international personnel, 517 crews, 1,323 engines, 25,249 personnel committed.

North Ops: PL3, 14 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, 7,445 acres, 44% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 8 new starts, 33 uncontained large fires, 12 CIMTs.

Grasshopper – SA Team 2, managing Austin and The Narrows, active behavior, timber and grass, 92,408 acres, 66% contained.

Austin – Active behavior, timber and brush, 3,200 acres, 0% contained.

The Narrows – Active behavior, timber, 167 acres, 0% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, managing Grand Park 2, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,700 acres, 2% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 138,500 acres, 12% contained.

Balky Hill – Light fuels, 500 acres.

Border 2 – Active behavior, timber, 15,280 acres, 43% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 5, managing Reevas Basin, moderate behavior timber and brush, 154,250 acres, 47% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 6,700 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 58,650 acres, 19% contained.

Big Grass – NW Team 2, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, reduction in acreage, 579,000 acres, 85% contained.

Picture Rock – Minimal behavior, 1,228 acres, 45% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 6 TOC NW Team 7 tomorrow, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 54,131 acres, 55% contained.

Fielder Mtn – ODF Team 1 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 573 acres, 72% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 31 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Alpa – Cal Fire, light fuels, 3,100 acres.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 5,770 acres, 27% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 7 new starts, 15 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Upper Smith – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,697 acres, 38% contained.

Cherry Peak – Moderate behavior, timber, 140 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 3, managing Bobcat Lakes, moderate behavior, timber, 31,750 acres, 7% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Moderate behavior, timber, 9,800 acres, 40% contained.

Moose – Moderate behavior, timber, 5,900 acres, 6% contained.

Windmill – Light fuels and timber, active behavior, grass and timber, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 9 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Crooked – Boise NF, timber and brush, active behavior, 150 acres, 0% contained.



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North Hegler – Light fuels, active behavior, evacuations, 700 acres, 0% contained.
Black Canyon – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,200 acres, 51% contained.
Rocky Canyon – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 16,400 acres, 88% contained.
Widemouth 2 – GB Team 2 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 129,700 acres, 93% contained.
Shoshone – Light fuels and timber, active behavior, 15,000 acres, 32% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 40 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Movie Dome – 1,000+ acres.

Tomato – 50 acres.

Main Trail – Active behavior, southern rough, 430 acres, 25% contained.

Casey Lake – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 443 acres, 85% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 11 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

West Coal Creek – 500 acres, 0% contained.

Elk – RM Team 2, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 7,200 acres, 33% contained.

Gold Mountain – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 39,700 acres, 87% contained.

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

Thumb – SA Team 1, managing Sioux and Bear Trap, minimal behavior, timber, litter, 25,000 acres, 47% contained.

Sioux – Minimal behavior, timber litter, 6,833 acres, 66% contained.

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

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

Mukluk – AK Team 1, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 5,400 acres, 16% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 10 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Frijoles – CA Team 8, extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 14,000 acres, 31% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (John Fox)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Saturday)

- Very hot temperatures in the mid 90s to mid 100s will continue to grip much of the Southern Plains and Southeast US. This will combine with relatively dry conditions, the driest of which will encompass Texas and Oklahoma with locally breezy winds.
- 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 remain poor.
- Record dry fuels will combine with hot temperatures and scattered thunderstorms over southern Florida on today.
- A strong trough of low pressure will head to the Pacific Northwest late Friday and push through the region by early Sunday. This will deliver hot temperatures as well as isolated fast-moving, dry thunderstorms which will continue into the overnight hours. Best chance of thunderstorms will be Saturday. Windy conditions are also expected over the Inland Northwest on Saturday.
- While most of Alaska will be cooler and wetter, downslope south winds will occur in the southeast Interior around Tok keeping conditions mostly mild and dry except for a chance of rain tomorrow night, while a potential tropical storm passes south of Hawai'i this weekend for increased winds and potentially heavy rain

• Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms will develop in the northern Great Basin to the northern Rockies Sunday, which will be amid breezy to locally strong westerly winds, with areas of high-risk significant fire potential and further increase in activity is expected
- A period of lighter winds expected early next week in the northern half of the West with temperatures remaining above normal, which may be followed by a ridge breakdown late next week and a period of strong winds for the northern Intermountain West
- The monsoon plume will continue Sunday into Monday for the Greater Four Corners, with a weakening of the monsoon likely for Utah and Colorado mid to late next week, but it will remain robust near and south of the Rim
- Very hot temperatures will persist through the end of the month in the southern Plains to the Lower Mississippi Valley keeping significant fire potential elevated, with highs near 110°F at times, and this heat is expected to spread westward into New Mexico late next week



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		42	
LEAD ASM		14	
SEAT		0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1	106	0	
HELO TYPE2	52	0	
HELO TYPE3	70	1	
LARGE TRANS			Flying crews from Boise to AK
CIMT	20	8	
T3 IMT		1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	72	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	164	3	
CREW TYPE 2	337	40	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	81	121	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	9	
RAPPELERS		95	
CATERERS	24	1	
SHOWERS	53	4	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	11
TANKER	2
HELO	3
AIR ATTACK	
IR	6
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	60
PENDING	47 overhead, 9 T1/T2IA crews, 15 T2 crews, 16 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL2. Supporting Mukluk, CIMT took over this morning, critical need for crews and tactical fixed-wing.

California – Jay Kurth

- Rationale for Timber CIMT submitted, DTN 8/23.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- PL2

Great Basin – John Foley – Mike Krupski

- PL3, light IA. Crooked at 350 acres, decided on organized T3 IMT.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL3, anticipating moderate IA this afternoon with weather conditions. No critical needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL5, PL4 showing in 10-day forecast. Fires experiencing increased burn periods on the east side. Several new holdover fires, current CIMTs in the area will take the fires. 3 LAT orders submitted, requesting additional prepositioned aircraft with anticipated lightning.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL2, priority need for IAA on west side of the GA.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no needs or concerns. CA Team 8 glidepath should be solidified tomorrow.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- WY and MT busy with IA. Most WY resources committed today to new starts.

NMAC Operations Report Out

40 active TFRs, 21 in the NW.

IAA prepared for FamAuth outage tonight.

2/3 NIOPS platforms were out of service last night.

Crews moved to RM and NW.

Pending crew requests for multiple GAs, 16 IHCs coming available over the next 5 days.

Anticipating 28 crews timing out over the next week.

Crew Coordinator coordinating potential NICC Jet use to mobilize crews from NOPS to AK.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5, focus on BC.

90 active fires in BC, also at PL5.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

Minor burn injuries continue, recommend reviewing written escalation process.

NWCG burn processes identified in Red Book (pg. 107-110) and under the Medical Committee webpage.

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

No new media queries.

Working with FS on request to tour LAT and interview pilot.

Creating draft SOP for the position.

Administration

PL – 5 (4.82)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Scott due to fly out on Sunday, Steve is replacing starting today.

Closeout AAR on 8/26 for the first contingent.

Dinner will occur on 8/26 at 1800, location TBD.

Military

Camp moved to Little Giant location, separate base camp from CIMT.

Taskforce Tomahawk mobilizing to new base camp this morning.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Timber CIMT replacement request DTN 8/23. Recommend CA fill internally (up first on national rotation). -Support

3 CIMTs left with one assignment: GB, CA, AK

Paradise CIMT extension request expected.

