

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 21, 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 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: Chuck Russell	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ 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: Perry Breitenstein	☒ Weather: John Fox
☒ 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: Mark Goeller, Maegan Maughan, Brian Fennessy, Jason Miller, Harold Riggs, Jeremy Sullens, Mike Riker, David Lee, Col Little, Aaron Baldin, Eric Graff, Jim Wallmann, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Kristin Kirschner, Mark Hilton, Mike Henry, Alex Mlitsis, INLOs, Karis Collet, Witne Neil, Heath Cota, Jason Bruce, Megan Heffentrager, Shaun Jensen, Marcus Medina, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Penny States, Casey Teske, Mike Theune, Mark Williams, Beale Monday

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 22 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 173 new starts, 76 uncontained large fires, 20 CIMTs, 240 military personnel, 5 MAFFS, 240 international personnel, 491 crews, 1,265 engines, 184 helicopters, 24,265 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 7 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber, 7,610 acres, 71% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 14 new starts, 32 uncontained large fires, 13 CIMTs.

Grasshopper – SA Team 2, managing Austin and The Narrows, active behavior, timber and grass, 92,400 acres, 71% contained.

Austin – Active behavior, timber and brush, 3,766 acres, 0% contained.

The Narrows – Active behavior, timber, 174 acres, 0% contained.

Sage Creek – WA DNR, timber, 100+ acres.

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

King – Couple hundred acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, CA Team 5 mobilizing, managing Sisi, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 140,000 acres, 12% contained.

Sisi – Active behavior, timber, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Luna – Moderate behavior, timber, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Border 2 – Moderate behavior, timber, 7,000 acres, 0% contained.

Ptarmigan – Moderate behavior, timber, 24,700 acres, 55% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 5, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 154,000 acres, 47% contained.

Balky Hill – Light fuels, active behavior, 365 acres, 25% contained.

Hill Loop – WA DNR, timber, 130 acres.

Paradise – SA Team 3, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 7,000 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 59,000 acres, 19% contained.

Big Grass – NW Team 10, no growth, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 578,600 acres, 85% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 8 TOC NW Team 7 today, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 54,260 acres, 55% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – ODF Team 2, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 374,000 acres, 89% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 25 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 6,100 acres, 29% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 14 new starts, 16 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

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

Deer Creek – MT state, slash and timber, active behavior, evacuations, 345 acres, 0% contained.

Cherry Peak – Moderate behavior, timber, 150 acres, 0% contained.



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Windmill – Moderate behavior, jumped dozer lines, brush and timber, 4,000 acres, 1% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 3, managing Bobcat Lakes, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 31,700 acres, 7% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 9,900 acres, 40% contained.

Moose Mountain – Active behavior, timber and brush, 4,000 acres, 7% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 14 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires.

Salt Wells – Light fuels, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Little Mountain – Light fuels, active behavior, 500 acres, 45% contained.

Slough Canyon – Timber and light fuels, active behavior, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Canyon – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 16,400 acres, 96% contained.

Black Canyon – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,200 acres, 61% contained.

Shoshone – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 18,000 acres, 36% contained.

Crooked - Active behavior, timber, 750 acres, 0% contained.

North Hegler – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 1,844 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 43 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

2690 – Hardwood and light fuels, 900 acres, 15% contained.

Pinetree Road – AR, timber, active behavior, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Movie Dome – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,000 acres, 30% contained.

Main Trail – Active behavior, southern rough, 475 acres, 30% contained.

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

Elk – RM Team 2, managing Gold Mountain, moderate behavior, timber, 7,200 acres, 33% contained.

West Coal Creek – Minimal behavior, timber, 350 acres, 30% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, 1 uncontained large fire, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Thumb – SA Team 1, minimal behavior, timber litter, 25,000 acres, 51% contained.

Sioux – Minimal behavior, timber litter, 6,800 acres, 76% contained.

Bear Trap – Minimal behavior, timber litter, 30,800 acres, 53% contained.

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

Mukluk – AK Team 1, burning in Tok, active behavior, timber, 7,430 acres, 12% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 25 new starts, 1 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Frijoles – CA Team 8, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 15,200 acres, 38% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (John Fox)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- Critical conditions are expected this weekend across the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, and northern Great Basin due to the breakdown of a strong ridge leading to scattered mainly dry thunderstorms, followed by windy and dry conditions leading to numerous new significant fire and growth on existing ones.
- Hot, dry and breezy conditions are forecast for northeast California, northern Nevada, and southeast Oregon later this afternoon and evening, resulting in a heightened risk of new significant fires.
- The unrelenting heat will continue across the Southern Plains coincident with record dry fuels and scattered thunderstorms over the lower Mississippi Valley and southern Florida on today and through the weekend. This could lead to new fire starts across the region.
- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms will continue today and through the weekend over the northern Great Basin and Desert Southwest due to monsoonal moisture. This will continue to lead to pockets of light precipitation; however new fires are possible away from the main rain shafts.
- 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 heavy rain, especially over the Big Island

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Winds ease 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 into Monday for the Greater Four Corners, with a weakening of the monsoon likely for Nevada, Utah, and Colorado mid to late next week, but it will remain robust near and south of the Rim
- Very hot temperatures and drier conditions will persist through at least 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



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

NTR



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		32	4
VLAT		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		41	
LEAD ASM		15	
SEAT		0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1	171	0	
HELO TYPE2	47	0	
HELO TYPE3	68	0	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	20		
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	73	7	
CREW TYPE 2IA	156	1	
CREW TYPE 2	307	50	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13		
RAPPELERS		93	
CATERERS	25	0	
SHOWERS	52	5	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	19
TANKER	1
HELO	4
AIR ATTACK	
IR	14
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2 T2IA crews
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	67
PENDING	63 overhead, 3 T1/T2IA crews, 1 T2 crews, 17 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL2. Mukluk lost 44 structures, 250 remain threatened, 1,000 people in evacuation status, received minimal precipitation. Critical need for engines and a Supply Unit Leader.

California – Jay Kurth

- Milepost 18 making good progress, IMT may not be there for a full 14 days.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- Request for NIMO Team to replace CIMT in MN.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, light IA, good progress on large fires. No critical needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- NR Team 9 (T3) mobilizing to Deer Creek. Expecting CIMT replacement request for Bobcat Lakes/Sand Creek with incoming weather.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Burn environment continues to ripen. Active growth across primary line on Paradise, request for T1 helicopter. Potential for Little Giant and Three Queens growth with incoming winds. Several new lightning holdovers in the last 24 hours. Sisi and King will be long-duration. Appreciate reallocation support of LATs in northern Washington.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- NTR

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Need for IAA platform in OK, TX, AR area.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, moderate IA. Frijoles received some precipitation, expecting CIMT replacement request in the next couple of days.



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NMAC Agency Updates

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- FMAG approved on Union 183 fire in Arkansas.

NASF – Greg Smith

- Fires on UT state lands both under 1,000 acres. DNRC managing Windmill. WA reporting dry lightning starting today.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Downtick in RIST support requests, increase in support on 14 incidents from T3 and local units.

93 staff currently supporting incidents.

8 short-haul aircraft providing coverage.

Moving SMKJ boosters into MT.

SA opening ATB in Burns Flat, OK, starting as a SEAT base. Date TBD.

22 TFRs in the NW.

Several pending crew orders being filled, 15 crews available over the next 5 days.

2 crews mobilizing to AK tomorrow to support Mukluk.

Anticipating 24 crews coming back online within the next week, balancing allocations.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5, rain expected.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Request to interview LAT pilot has been tabled until the end of the month.

Administration

PL – 5 (4.82)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

First contingent AAR/debrief on 8/26 at 1400 in the MPR.

Dinner on 8/26 at the Stonehouse with 1700 social, 1730 agency leadership messages, 1800 dinner.

The same plan will be outlined for the next demobilization on 9/13 and 9/14.

Military

Currently on day 13, first operational shift on Little Giant.

Integrated well with NW Team 12, CA Team is inbriefing today.

Interagency crews and MCADs will begin rotating through days off.

Personnel will R&R in place.

Outbreak of several minor illnesses in surrounding camps, hoping to avoid it.

Complex Incident Management Teams

8 CIMTs available today, 2 still have one assignment each (CA and GB).

AK Team 2 will not be coming available again as long as AK Team 1 is assigned.

AK will decrease to 1 CIMT next year with the desire to build out T3 capacity.

SA Team 3 extension request on Paradise for up to 7 days. CIMT was prepositioned prior to assignment. -Support

Bear Trap requesting NIMO team replacement in MN.

NIMO Team 1 is available. Part of the request will be a robust finance section and a long-duration commitment.

Based on the 2026 NMAC Delegation of Authority, requests for NIMO do not require approval of NMAC through submission of a CIMT rationale. They should be communicated through USFS channels for decision and support.

Rowe Creek Complex CIMT replacement request.

Sinlahekin CIMT replacement request.

Re-evaluate CIMT replacements daily.

Bobcat Lakes/Sand Creek expecting CIMT replacement request.

CIMT requests must be submitted to CIMT Coordinator from the GAs.

