

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 22, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Maegan Maughan	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Alex Melitsis	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Maegan Maughan	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	Erica Lamb	Information
International	Maegan Maughan	Information
Administration	Maegan Maughan	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: Maegan Maughan	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Paul Ludgren
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Dave Williams	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☐ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Perry Breitenstein	☒ Weather: Alex Melitsis
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: Caleb Ashby	☒ 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, Jeremy Sullens, Harold Riggs, Mike Riker, Mike Henry, Penny States, Col Little, INLO, David Lee, Mark Williams, John Mckee, Mark Hilton, Jason Bruce, Ben Oakleaf, Beau Dobberstein, Marcus Medina, Bryan Stamps, Casey Teske, Mike Theune, Jake Sjolund

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, 23 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Maegan Maughan)

PL5, 113 new starts, 78 uncontained large fires, 20 CIMTs, 300+ international personnel, 5 MAFFS, 240 military personnel, 437 crews, 1,159 engines, 22,751 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 12 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 2 CIMTs.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 1 TOC CA Team 2 tomorrow, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 7,600 acres, 74% contained.

Northwest: PL5, picking up lightning IA this morning, 4 new starts, 29 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs.

Little Giant – NW Team 12 TOC CA Team 5 tomorrow, managing Sisi, active behavior, timber, 142,229 acres, 15% contained.

Sisi – Active behavior, timber, 1,850 acres, 0% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, managing Grand Park 2 and King, active behavior, timber, 6,300 acres, 2% contained.

King – Active behavior, timber, 459 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber, 7,700 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 59,550 acres, 19% contained.

Grasshopper – SA Team 2, GB Team 4 mobilizing, managing Austin and The Narrows, active behavior, 93,500 acres, 76% contained.

Austin – Active behavior, timber and brush, 4,400 acres, 0% contained.

The Narrows – Active behavior, timber and brush, 212 acres, 21% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 19 new starts, 1 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1, CA Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, grass and timber, 6,600 acres, 29% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, heavy aviation use, 5 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Upper Smith – Active behavior, timber, 4,221 acres, 38% contained.

Grotto – Active behavior, timber and brush, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Three Links – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 10 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 3, managing Bobcat Lakes, moderate behavior, timber, 32,300 acres, 7% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Moderate behavior, timber, 10,000 acres, 40% contained.

Windmill – Active behavior, brush and timber, 4,100 acres, 10% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 24 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires.

Crooked – Moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Shoshone – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 24,500 acres, 36% contained.

Salt Wells – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 585 acres, 60% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, 36 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires.

2690 – OK, active behavior, grass, 900 acres, 15% contained.

Pine Tree Road – Extreme behavior, 2,100 acres, 45% contained.

Chipmunk – Everglades NP, active behavior, 1,200 acres, 30% contained.



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Movie Dome – Everglades NP, moderate behavior, 6,200 acres,

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

Elk – RM Team 2 TOC local unit tomorrow, managing Gold Mountain, no growth, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 7,200 acres, 33% contained.

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

West Coal Creek – Minimal behavior, timber, 896 acres, 50% contained.

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

Thumb – SA Team 1, managing Sioux and Bear Trap, no growth, minimal behavior, timber litter, received precipitation, 25,0900 acres, 55% contained.

Alaska: PL2, jetload of crews mobilizing to AK today, AK releasing 1 LAT end of shift today, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Mukluk – AK Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, 7,200 acres, 22% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 6 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

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

Cooper – Active behavior, grass, 575 acres, 60% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Alex Melitsis)

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.
- Scattered dry lightning has developed over parts of Washington and Oregon this morning and will likely extend across the northern Great Basin into western Montana today
- 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.
- Cooler and wetter for Alaska into midweek, although rainfall for the southeast Interior will be light if it were to occur tomorrow and Tuesday, while Tropical Storm Moke is expected to pass south of Hawai'i tomorrow with breezy northeast winds and areas of heavy rain, mostly for the windward areas of the Big Island

• Long-term (Tuesday through next Monday)

- Winds ease Tuesday across the West as the ridge rebuilds with hot temperatures and low RH, but decreasing thunderstorms
- Isolated dry thunderstorms are likely in the northern Rockies Wednesday as the ridge breaks down, with breezy/dry conditions possible across the northern two-thirds of the West creating elevated conditions
- The upper-level high will remain strong in New Mexico into the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley through next weekend with hot temperatures continuing, but the ridge breakdown in the northern half of the West will bring periods of elevated to critical conditions due to strong winds
- The winds will also result in a dramatic reduction of the monsoon late next week and few, if any, thunderstorms in the Greater Four Corners by late next week into next week



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Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		37	
LEAD ASM		15	
SEAT		61	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		21	
HELO TYPE1	107	2	
HELO TYPE2	47	1	
HELO TYPE3	64	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	18	6	
T3 IMT			
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	73	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	156	1	
CREW TYPE 2	298	379	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	12	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	88	110	
RAPPELERS		121	
CATERERS	23	0	
SHOWERS	50	6	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	4
AIR ATTACK	
IR	9
UAS	
SCOOPER	6
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	67
PENDING	63 overhead, 4 crews



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- Mukluk next operational challenge tomorrow with cold front coming through pushing fire towards community.

California – Jay Kurth

- Appreciate rotation of crews on Timber.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- NIMO Team mobilizing to MN to replace SA Team 1.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, 1 new and emerging that has dozer line around it.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, active with IA and aircraft use yesterday. Deer Creek at 1,000 acres, working to keep at T3. Cherry Peak at 140 acres, working to keep at T3 as well.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Continued active fire behavior on east side. Sinlahekin spotted outside the lines. Coal Watch on Yakima Nation, 50 acres, moving resources to assist. Successful anchor points on The Narrows and Austin. Safety concerns have shifted to Covid, flu, walking pneumonia, energy drinks and palpitations, etc.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, uptick in IA. SD actively flying aircraft. Brooks is an emerging incident.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no critical needs. Frijoles CIMT replacement request DTN 8/26.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Ongoing FMAG activity in Arkansas.

NASF – Greg Smith

- Washington experiencing dry lightning, running IA this morning.

NMAC Operations Report Out

All 8 short-haul platforms and 16 rappel platforms on today.

Moving SMKJ boosters for incoming lightning.

MAFFS 5 down mechanical.

28 UMODs out today with 2nd CWN coming available.

Most TFRs remain in NW and NR.

13 crews coming available over the next 4 days.

Anticipate light downtrend in crew availability before increase again on 8/28.

Liaison Report Out

International – Maegan Maughan

CIFFC at PL5, BC remains active.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

No new media inquiries.



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Administration

PL – 5 (4.8)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Email sent out yesterday with 8/26 timeframes.

Scott will be demobilizing back home today.

Recommend public release regarding the departure of the first international contingent. -Jessica will draft a release.

Complex Incident Management Teams

9 CIMTs available today, 1 committed to Three Queens mobilizing Monday.

CA and GB have 1 assignment.

Bobcat Lakes/Sand Creek CIMT replacement request DTN 8/23. Incoming CIMT will also take Moose.

-Recommend filling internally with NR Team 1. -Support

Frijoles CIMT replacement request. Recommend allowing SW to fill internally. -Support

Rowe Creek Complex CIMT replacement request.

Sinlahekin CIMT replacement request.

Feedback for ICAP must be sent back to Jesse by 8/27.

CIMT AAR scheduled for October 26-30.

