

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 24, 2026

1100-1200

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
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: Tyler Anderson	☒ 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: Hans Ohme, Dave Williams, Jason Miller, Mike Krupski, Karis Collet, Jeremy Sullens, Kerry Jones, David Lee, Col Little, Marcus Medina, Harold Riggs, Heath Cota, Perry Breitenstein, Beau Dobberstein, Amber Sunderland, Ben Gannon, Dustin Gardner, Megan Heffentrager, John Mckee, Brant Porter, Wade Clack, Jason Bruce, Casey Cheesbrough, Scott Dehnisch, Chris Delaney, Dustin Gardner, Mark Hilton, Matt Holmstrom, Kristin Mirschner, Lindsey Lewis, Ben Oakleaf, Trevor Pollock, Gordy Sachs, Jake Sjolund, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Dave Underwood, Mike Riker, Beale Monday.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 25 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 215 new starts, 86 uncontained large fires, 300+ international personnel, 5 MAFFS, 240 military personnel, 20 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 22,085 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 13 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

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

Northwest: PL5, 31 uncontained large fires, 31 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs.

Austin – SA Team 2 TOC GB Team 4 today, managing Grasshopper and The Narrows, active behavior, timber, 5,300 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 93,750 acres, 76% contained.

The Narrows – Active behavior, brush, 223 acres, 0% contained.

Colwash – Active behavior, light fuels, 38,600 acres, 8% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, managing King, Goat and Grand Park 2, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 6,700 acres, 13% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 5, managing Sisi, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 146,000 acres, 15% contained.

Sisi – Active behavior, timber litter, 878 acres, 0% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 5, SW Team mobilizing, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 155,000 acres, 53% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 68,150 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 59,800 acres, 19% contained.

McCulley – NW Team 3, managing North Pole, extreme behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

North Pole – Extreme behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, 54,500 acres, 55% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 31 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 2 CIMTs.

Timber – Cal Fire Team 1 TOC CA Team 3 today, active behavior, grass and timber, 12,615 acres, 25% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL 3, 30 new starts, 19 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Cabin Creek – Timber, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Cherry Peak – Minimal behavior, timber, 200 acres, 44% contained.

Deer Creek – MT state, moderate behavior, slash and timber, 950 acres, 0% contained.

Nature Grove – Timber, active behavior, evacuations, 150 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 3 TOC NR Team 1 tomorrow, managing Bobcat Lakes, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 32,300 acres, 14% contained.

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

Moose – Moderate behavior, timber, 5,900 acres, 10% contained.

Moose Mountain – Timber, active behavior, 4,200 acres, 8% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 63 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.



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Hawk – Reno FD, GB Team 6, light fuels and timber, extreme behavior, evacuations, 15,000 acres, 0% contained.

Master – Light fuels, active behavior, 440 acres, 50% contained.

Crooked – Timber, merged with large spot fire, active behavior, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Shale Butte – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 1,500 acres, 40% contained.

Big Mountain – Brush and grass, active behavior, evacuations, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Slough Canyon – Moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 26 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires.

Bison – Grass and timber, extreme behavior, 900 acres, 30% contained.

Rustler – Active behavior, chaparral, 1,300 acres, 14% contained.

Hancock Texas Flat Road – Active behavior, southern rough, 408 acres, 80% contained.

Mitchell – Active behavior, 100 acres.

22 – FL FS, light fuels, active behavior, 500 acres, 30% contained.

Vulture – Light fuels, 350 acres,

Chipmunk – Active behavior, grass, 15,500 acres, 50% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 16 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, no significant changes on incidents in CO.

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

Minimal fire activity on all incidents and no changes in containment.

Alaska: PL2, 0 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Mukluk – AK Team 1, received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, 7,260 acres, 29% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 8 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Frijoles – CA Team 8, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 15,226 acres, 45% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Wednesday)

- Periods of high-risk significant fire potential are expected for the northwestern U.S. from northeast California and the Inland Northwest to the northern Great Basin and northern Rockies, west of the Divide due to lightning, winds, and a favorable burn environment from low-level instability and poor overnight RH recovery
- The unrelenting heat will continue across the Southern Plains, with the heat spreading into much of the Southwest and southern California, with temperatures warming to well above normal in the northern half of the West Tuesday and Wednesday, as well
- However, a back door cold front will bring some relief Wednesday due to cooler temperatures and scattered wet thunderstorms, but high-risk significant fire potential is expected to continue across portions of the southern Plains to Louisiana into tomorrow ahead of the front
- Thunderstorms continue in Florida with new ignitions today and a favorable burn environment due to very dry conditions in south Georgia today before more widespread thunderstorms are expected by Wednesday to bring relief
- Cooler and wetter for Alaska this week to gradually end the season in the southeast Interior, while a wetter period is expected for Puerto Rico early this week and moderate trade winds return to Hawai'i with typical windward showers

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Periods of breezy winds will continue into Saturday for the northern two-thirds of the West as the ridge breaks down and stronger upper-level troughing develops near the Northwest coast
- Conditions will moderate some in the northern half of the West this weekend into early next week due to cooler temperatures and lighter winds, with wetting rain most likely west of the Cascades in northwest Oregon and western Washington
- Very hot temperatures are likely in the southern third of the West through this weekend which will coincide with a rapid decrease in the monsoon as these temperatures coincide with very low afternoon RH, poor overnight recovery and long burn periods, especially from the Mojave Desert to the West Slope
- A brief respite is expected in the Southern Area late this week as a weak cold front elevates RH with areas of wetting rain, but the extreme heat will return to the southern Plains and portions of the Lower Mississippi Valley this weekend into early next week



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

2 active Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories.

Rebounds quickly to high fire danger continue in much of the western US.

Moderate and high fire risk expected to continue.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		31	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		41	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT		0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1		0	
HELO TYPE2		0	
HELO TYPE3		2	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	21	4	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	78	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	157	0	
CREW TYPE 2	290	100	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	102	96	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	14	
RAPPELERS		78	
CATERERS	22	1	
SHOWERS	45	11	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	22
TANKER	4
HELO	1
AIR ATTACK	
IR	10
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	119 – SEC, TFLD, HEQB
PENDING	74 overhead, 19 T1/T2IA crews, 11 T2 crews, 11 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- No critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- Appreciate extra aircraft, marine layer should shallow up this week. Have had many good catches.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, 3 new and emerging. Additional burn injuries on Hawk incident. Multiple aviation incidents, FS reviews are ongoing.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, moderate to heavy IA. Expecting additional emerging incidents in the next couple of days.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL4, 4-5 unstaffed fires in western WA that will remain on the landscape. Utilizing prepositioned aircraft to support IA and large fires. PL4 included in 3-day forecast with resource decline. FAST inbriefed this afternoon, MAC group enforcing critique for implementing extra days off to combat cumulative fatigue.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, most activity in SD. New incident Kimble Creek, working on potential crew request.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL3 this morning. Mitchell over 600 acres, located on an island, thunderstorms this afternoon. Fire environment on west side of the GA remain elevated.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- Supporting Frijoles with recent fatality.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

All 8 short-haul platforms available, moving to most advantageous positions.

52 rappellers out on IA this morning.

2 smokejumper aircraft down this morning, one jump ship had to make an emergency landing.

Last high performance CWN air attack has been hired.

SEAT base has been stood up in OK.

33 UMODs committed.

MAFFS 9 is back in service this morning, expect MAFFS 4 back up this afternoon.

MAFFS 5 should be back in service tomorrow.

Little crew movement this morning, several pending orders.

14 crews available over the next 5 days.

Working with Timber on a sustainable crew plan.

3 IHCs hitting end of season dates in the next week.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5.

100+ international personnel assisting in British Columbia.

Safety – Tyler McCowan – Matt Holmstrom

Cumulative fatigue ongoing.

Numerous SafeNets on communication, 76% of all reports in the last month have been radio network issues.

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Announcing international contingent departure content will be posted on social media.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Today is the last working day for the first contingent on their incidents.

All will travel to Boise tomorrow.

Military

Contingent is currently on day 16, working through R&R rotation.

Planning closeout operations, September 6.

Resources are actively engaged on Little Giant.

30 soldiers put through S-112, 4 sawyers on each crew continuing to learn and grow.

