

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 25, 2026

1100-1140

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: John Goss	☒ Eastern Area: Paul Ludgren
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Jason Miller	☒ Southwest: Harold Riggs
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ IMTs: LJ Brown
☐ 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: Matt Holmstrom	☐ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Mark Goeller, Hans Ohme, Dave Williams, Karis Collet, Mike Krupski, Jeremy Sullens, David Lee, Andrea Lannen-Littlefield, Beau Dobberstein, Mike Henry, Alex Melitsis, Kerry Jones, Mike Riker, Josh Acosta, Perry Breitenstein, Casey Cheesbrough, Heath Cota, Jason Bruce, Ben Gannon, Dustin Gardner, Eric Graff, Megan Heffentrager, Shihming Huang, Tanner Hutt, Kristin Kirschner, Lindsey Lewis, Col Little, Marcus Medina, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Kevin Sweeney, Dave Underwood

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 26 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 254 new starts, 86 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 300+ international personnel, 5 MAFFS, 240 military personnel, 440 crews, 182 helicopters, 22,183 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 26 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

S-1 – Light fuels, active behavior, 700 acres.

S-3 – 500 acres, 0% contained.

4-1 – Timber and grass, moderate behavior, 470 acres, 0% contained.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 2, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 7,600 acres, 91% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 17 new stars, 31 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs.

Austin – GB Team 4, managing Grasshopper and The Narrows, active behavior, timber, 6,000 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – Active behavior, timber and grass, 93,744 acres, 76% contained.

The Narrows – Active behavior, brush, 260 acres, 0% contained.

Colwash – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 39,000 acres, 42% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13, NR Team 2 mobilizing, managing several additional incidents, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 7,300 acres, 13% contained.

King – Active behavior, timber, 825 acres, 0% contained.

Wonderland Complex – Mt Ranier Complex, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 100 acres, 0% contained.

Goat – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 170 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 5, managing Sisi, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 147,500 acres, 21% contained.

Sisi – Active behavior, timber litter, 900 acres, 0% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 5, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 155,227 acres, 53% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3, managing Hagen, active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 68,785 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber, 59,900 acres, 28% contained.

McCully – NW Team 3, managing North Pole, extreme behavior, timber, close to merging with North Pole, evacuations, 4,300 acres, 0% contained.

North Pole – Extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, 54,500 acres, 65% contained.

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

Timber – CA Team 3, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 15,900 acres, 26% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 20 new starts, 17 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Deer Creek – Moderate behavior, slash and timber, 960 acres, 0% contained.

Camp Creek – Active behavior, 6,300 acres, 0% contained.

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

Nature Grove – Moderate behavior, timber, 153 acres, 0% contained.



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Sand Creek – NR Team 3 TOC NR Team 1 today, managing Bobcat Lakes and Moose, moderate behavior, timber, 33,088 acres, 14% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 10,030 acres, 40% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 68 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Hawk – GB Team 6, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 15,000 acres, 27% contained.

Sombrero – Light fuels, 1,000 acres.

Juniper Ridge – 500 acres.

Bull Run – Elko County, light fuels,

California Creek – Light fuels, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

Oxley – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 8,000 acres, 0% contained.

Forleen – Active behavior, light fuels, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Tom Creek – Light fuels, 1,500 acres.

Slough Canyon – Active behavior, timber, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Crooked – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 3,164 acres, 0% contained.

Flint – Light fuels, active behavior, 6,000 acres, 0% contained.

Wildhorse – Light fuels, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 52 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires.

Ross – Brush and grass, extreme behavior, evacuations, 50,000+ acres, 5% contained.

Rio Escondido – Extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Mitchell – Moderate behavior, southern rough, 615 acres, 0% contained.

H2 – FL state, minimal behavior, timber, 350 acres, 85% contained.

Chipmunk – Active behavior, grass, 17,000 acres, 50% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 39 new starts, successful IA, 5 uncontained large fires.

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

Fires in MN received light precipitation, TOC from SA Team 1 to NIMO Team 1 will occur today.

Southwest: PL2, 12 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Frijoles – CA Team 8, SW Team 4 mobilizing, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 15,000 acres, 16% contained.

Rabbit Ear East – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,500 acres, 70% contained.

Sunset – Timber and light fuels, moderate behavior, 100 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Kerry Jones)

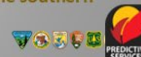
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- 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
- Hundreds of new ignitions are likely in the northern half of the West with dozens of new large fires possible due to the lightning coincident with or followed by dry/breezy conditions
- The unrelenting heat continues for one more day in the southern Plains today before some modest relief with cooler temperatures, higher RH, and local wetting rain from thunderstorms as a cold front moves through. However, new ignitions are also likely from the thunderstorms
- Very hot temperatures will also occur in the Southwest and southern California, with locally breezy winds amid very low RH also creating areas of elevated conditions in the Coast and Transverse Ranges of central and southern California
- The cold front is also expected to bring more widespread thunderstorms to Florida and the Southeast for relief, although lightning ignitions are still possible the next couple days
- Cooler and wetter for Alaska this week to gradually end the season in the southeast Interior through the end of the month, while a wetter period is expected for Puerto Rico continues into tomorrow and moderate trade winds return to Hawai'i with typical windward showers

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- Very hot temperatures are likely in the southern third of the West through this weekend which will coincide with a brief decrease in the monsoon, with the monsoon more likely to experience a brief revival early next week
- Cooler conditions are expected across the northern half of the West this weekend into early next week, but areas of breezy/dry conditions will continue in the Great Basin into Wyoming. Localized areas of wetting precipitation are possible in the Northwest and northern Rockies, but will most likely occur west of the Cascades and be on the lighter side
- Hot and dry conditions will return to the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley by this weekend, with breezy/dry southerly winds Sunday into Monday creating elevated to locally critical conditions and areas of high-risk significant fire potential in the southern Plains



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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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		12	
SEAT	63		
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	24		
HELO TYPE1	112	1	
HELO TYPE2		0	
HELO TYPE3	66	4	
LARGE TRANS			Requested 30-day extension.
CIMT	21	3	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	84	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	163	0	
CREW TYPE 2	273	100+	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	122	103	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	8	
RAPPELERS		70	
CATERERS	22	2	
SHOWERS	47	10	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	33
TANKER	13
HELO	8
AIR ATTACK	
IR	6
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	2
CREWS	2 camp crews
ENGINES	16
OVERHEAD	108 – SOF, HEQB, TFLD
PENDING	2 en, 20 T1, 12 T2, 10 helo



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- No critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL3, moderate IA with lightning in northeast CA. Milepost continues to see good progress, planning for local T3 by Friday.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- SA Team 1 and NIMO Team 1 transition day is tomorrow. No critical needs.

Great Basin – John Foley

- Increased to PL4, heavy IA, high-risk triggers for lightning and winds. 12 new and emerging incidents, looking at strategies to support with management. Critical need for WFMS, helicopters, crews and middle management.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, moderate IA, continue to be successful with heavy aircraft. Anticipating additional lightning.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Three Queens IMT managing additional 8 new starts, discussing management options. Developing a plan to move resources and share with other GAs as able.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- Uptick in IA, ERCs increasing to the 90th percentile. Supporting incident needs internally.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Yesterday was a challenging day in Texas. All aircraft will be flying throughout the day, anticipate additional aircraft orders for Texas as well as for other resources.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- Most IA increase is in NM. Critical need for aviation, mostly rotor-wing.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- One NIMO Team available, currently assisting local units.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- FMAG approved on Ross incident in Texas.

NASF – Greg Smith

- Sharing resources into Texas. AZ reported the need for aviation support. IA continues in NW, GB and NR.

NMAC Operations Report Out

8 short-haul platforms on today.

73 rappellers on IA currently.

Ely and Missoula smokejumpers are currently flying.

2 SMKJ ships down this morning.

MRB is in place in OK, should be fully operational in the next couple of days.

3 MAFFS currently in service.

51 active TFRs, 23 in the NW.

Running into 36:6 issues for several IAA platforms.

Crew movement continues for NR, GB, and NOPS.

17 IHCs available over the next 5 days.

Prioritizing shifting crews to GB and NOPS to assist with emerging incidents.

Working on logistics for NICC Jet moving crews to and from AK.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

No significant changes in Canada.

Safety – Tyler McCowan – Matt Holmstrom

Cumulative fatigue memo distributed by NW.

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

CA CIMT 5 holding media event on Little Giant tomorrow allowing filming of international and military personnel on the fireline.

International demobilization social media content has been approved by NMAC. Will be posted on NIFC Facebook and X today.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

First contingent should be demobilizing from their incidents today, traveling back to Boise.

Luncheon at 1200 on 8/26, AAR at 1400, dinner at 1700.

Military

Ground force on day 17, finishing up R&R days.

