

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 26, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Alex Melitsis	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
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International and DOW Report Out	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
Strategic Analytics Report	Rick Stratton	Information
Administration	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
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Attendees:

☐ Chair: Chuck Russell	☒ Vice Chair: Greg Smith	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Brian Achziger	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	☒ 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: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Crews: Josh Acosta	☒ 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: Matt Holmstrom	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Hans Ohme, Mark Goeller, George Geissler, Karis Collet, Harold Riggs, Dave Williams, LJ Brown, Mike Krupski, Jeremy Sullens, Bea Day, Trevor Pollock, Bea Day, Scott Dehnisch, Kevin Sweeney, Col Little, Casey Cheebrough, Heath Cota, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Jason Bruce, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, Kristin Kirschner, Lindsey Lewis, Marcus Medina, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Casey Teske, Mike Theune, Dave Underwood, Kerry Jones, Sean Peterson, David Lee, Mike Riker, Perry Breitenstein

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 27 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

PL5, 148 new starts, 93 uncontained large fires, 17 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 300 international personnel, 5 MAFFS, 240 military personnel, 433 crews, 1,218 engines, 186 helicopters, 22,356 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 8 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

S-1 Vya – CIMT rationale submitted, extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 5,700 acres, 0% contained.

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

Northwest: PL5, 5 new starts, 33 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs.

McCully – NW Team 3, managing North Pole, extreme behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 4,300 acres, 0% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 5, managing Sisi, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 147,000 acres, 23% contained.

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

Three Queens – NW Team 13 TOC NR Team 2 tomorrow, managing Grand Park 2, Goat, Wonderland Complex and King incidents, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 7,200 acres, 13% contained.

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

Goat – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 178 acres, 0% contained.

Wonderland Complex – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 354 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 8,600 acres, 0% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 60,100 acres, 33% contained.

Austin – GB Team 4, active behavior, timber, 7,300 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 93,700 acres, 76% contained.

The Narrows – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 262 acres, 0% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 5, active behavior, light fuels and timber, 155,491 acres, 56% contained.

Mustang – Extreme behavior, grass and timber, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Mitchell Springs – Active behavior, light fuels, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – ODF Team 2, CA Team 4 mobilizing, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 373,900 acres, 92% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 15 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Timber – CA Team 3, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 16,300 acres, 27% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 8 new starts, 18 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Sand Creek – NR Team 1, managing Bobcat Lakes and Moose, active behavior, timber and light fuels, received precipitation, evacuations, 33,734 acres, 14% contained.

Nature Grove – Active behavior, timber, 550 acres, 0% contained.

Deer Creek – Moderate behavior, slash and timber, 969 acres, 0% contained.

Moose Mountain – Active behavior, timber, 4,500 acres, 8% contained.

Camp Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, 6,400 acres, 0% contained.

Silvertip – Timber, 6,800 acres, 15% contained.



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Great Basin: PL4, 35 new starts, 17 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Hawk – GB Team 6, moderate behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 15,085 acres, 85% contained.

Oxley – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 9,000 acres, 5% contained.

Juniper Ridge – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,200 acres, 10% contained.

Crooked – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 3,100 acres, 0% contained.

California Creek – Active behavior, light fuels, 3,500 acres, 10% contained.

Kearny – Extreme behavior, timber, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Forleen – Active behavior, light fuels, 633 acres, 0% contained.

Flint – Active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 6,400 acres, 0% contained.

Sombrero – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 1,100 acres, 0% contained.

Slough Canyon – Active behavior, timber, 4,200 acres, 0% contained.

Wildhorse – Active behavior, light fuels, 21,862 acres, 0% contained.

McConnell – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,100 acres, 0% contained.

Tom Creek – Active behavior, light fuels, 3,800 acres, 0% contained.

Bull Run – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 455 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 40 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires.

Buck Creek – DOF, active behavior, timber, 650 acres, 10% contained.

Ross – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 50,000 acres, 8% contained.

Mitchell – Moderate behavior, southern rough, 635 acres, 0% contained.

Rio Escondido – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 2,650 acres, 75% contained.

Bison – Grass and timber, 889 acres, 45% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 18 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Elk – Minimal behavior, grass, 7,257 acres, 33% contained.

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

Bear Trap – NIMO Team 1, moderate behavior, timber litter, received precipitation, 30,800 acres, 65% contained.

Alaska: PL1, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Mukluk – AK Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, 7,200 acres, 29% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 19 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Frijoles – CA Team 8 TOC SW Team 4 tomorrow, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 15,252 acres, 52% contained.

Sunset – Moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 111 acres, 0% contained.

Rabbit Ear – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 1,700 acres, 90% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

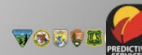
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- A critical weather pattern develops across the northern half of the west today as the ridge begins to break down, bringing hot, dry, and breezy weather with high-risk significant fire potential to much of the area – stronger wind and drier air are expected to develop across the area tomorrow
- Mixed wet/dry lightning also develops across the northern Great Basin into western Montana, bringing high-risk significant fire potential to those parts
- Hot, dry, unstable conditions with potential dry lightning also continue southern Plains, bringing high-risk significant fire potential today
- 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
- Cooler-than-normal temperatures and wetter conditions in Alaska through the end of the month, while hot and dry conditions in Puerto Rico bring increasing potential Thursday into the weekend and, in Hawai'i, moderate trade winds return with a typical pattern of occasional showers for windward locales and inland areas

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Widespread breezy and dry west and southwest winds 15-25 mph with frequent gusts near 35 mph amid RH 10-25% will impact much of the Inland Northwest, northern Great Basin, and into the northern/central Rockies on Saturday with the strongest winds early in the weekend impacting Wyoming, the eastern/southern Great Basin, and the immediate Four Corners area where RH will be slightly higher but still critically low in areas
- Cooler conditions are expected across the northern half of the West this weekend and especially 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 are most likely to occur west of the Cascades while the best chance for wetting rain in the West will be in portions of the central and southern Rockies east of the Divide
- Significantly drier air will expand southward into the Lower Mississippi River Valley, while higher RH and slightly cooler temperatures are expected in the Southeast and Florida
- 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)

NTR

National Strategic Analytics (Rick Stratton)

Assessed 58 fires in 7 GACCs.

NW, SA, SOPS, and SW will likely maintain current fire activity.

NW has the most active fire perimeter followed by NR and GB.

Busiest GAs are tracking well with satellite indicators.

82 large fires reporting completed perimeter line.

Hand line seems to be performing best compared to road as line and dozer line.



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Resource Update (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		31	3
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		42	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	63	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS			
HELO TYPE1		8	
HELO TYPE2		5	
HELO TYPE3		4	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	15	2	Flying crews down from AK.
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)		0	
CREW TYPE 2IA		1	
CREW TYPE 2			
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	8	
RAPPELERS		96	
CATERERS	21	4	
SHOWERS	47	10	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	20
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	5
ENGINES	4
OVERHEAD	140 – SOF, HEQB, TFLD
PENDING	1 engine, 27 T1/T2IA crew, 11 T2 crews, 17 helicopters



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- AK Team 1 should be off Mukluk by the weekend.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL3, light IA. Timber is augured in, expect long-duration. CIMT request pending for S-1, proposal from John.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- One IHC has reached end of map date and is finished for the year.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, moderate IA, 2 new and emerging fires. Good progress on many incidents.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL3, moderate IA, forecast includes additional lightning. Potential for 2 CIMT orders, currently completing complexity analysis.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- PL5, PL4 showing in 3-day forecast, lightning occurred yesterday. Evaluating replacement CIMT needs. Critical need for T1/T2IA crews.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- Uptick in IA and resistance to containment continues. Supporting SW with rotor-wing.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Appreciate air assets, heavy utilization in TX and OK. Opening Kalene ATB for VLATs. Anticipate uptick for ground resource orders including engines and dozers. Critical need for rotor-wing resources.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, trending towards PL3 with weather and fuels conditions. Patty Creek new and emerging fire in AZ, 300 acres, rough terrain, critical need for 2 T2IA crews and a T3 helicopter.



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NMAC Agency Updates

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USFS – Russ Long

- 1 NIMO Team available.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

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NASF – Greg Smith

- WA National Guard ground crews last working day will be September 3, working on aviation resource glidepath. Critical need for T1 helicopter in AZ.

NMAC Operations Report Out

96 rappellers available, 48 on incident this morning.

Super Puma in NW can respond down to Sacramento if needed.

Good smokejumper available, jump ship down in Redmond.

Redding demobilizing SMKJ.

Working to backfill NOPS with EU T1.

Additional T1 CWN helicopter being inspected to add to the fleet.

750,000 gallons of retardant delivered yesterday, monitoring 6:36.

Several LATs moving to 6:1 days.

2 MAFFS currently available.

34 UMODs out, additional T1 CWN UAS available.

55 TFRs, 5 GACCs receiving ASCO support.

29 pending crew orders, prioritizing GB, NW, NR, NOPS, SOPS and SW.

Finalizing NICC Jet details to move crews to and from AK.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC remains at PL5.

NICC meeting with Australia and Canada this afternoon.

Safety – Tyler McCowan – Matt Holmstrom

Sustained PL5 can lead to many medical pre-existing conditions appearing.

Injury rate at this level of activity and mobilization is around 4-6/day.

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Erin McDuff and Bobby attending NMAC tomorrow.

NMAC PIO SOP created in addition to Evergreen Comms materials that will be sent to External Affairs and NICC/NMAC for review.

Administration

PL – 5

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Debrief will begin at 1330 in MPR.

All resources will be demobilizing home or on R&R after today.

Military

MAFFS 4 and 5 will be inspected today.

Complex Incident Management Teams

5 CIMTs available.

S-1 Vya CIMT request DTN 8/26 at 1800. Recommendation from CA is to re-assign CA Team 2 from Milepost 18, day 14 would be 9/5. -Support reassignment.

