

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 27, 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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NMAC Operations Report Out	Erica Lamb	Information
International	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
Administration	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

☐ Chair: Chuck Russell	☐ Vice Chair: Greg Smith	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Brian Achziger	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Mark Goeller	☒ NICC: Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ 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: Rebecca Paterson	☒ 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, LJ Brown, Jim Prevette, Mike Krupski, Steve Miller, Dave Williams, Harold Riggs, Erin McDuff, Jeremy Sullens, Kerry Jones, Bea Day, Scott Dehnisch, Wade Clack, Mike Riker, Col Little, Heath Cota, Col Allen, John Cervantes, Casey Cheesbrough, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Tanner Hutt, Kristin Kirschner, Marcus Medina, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Kevin Sweeney

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 28 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

PL5, 113 new starts, 94 uncontained large fires, 18 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 5 MAFFS, 300 international personnel, 240 military personnel, 426 crews, 1,178 engines, 179 helicopters, 21,854 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 15 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

S-1 Vya – CA Team 2 inbriefing today, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 9,500 acres, 5% contained.

Milepost 18 – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 7,600 acres, 92% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 5 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs.

Little Giant – CA Team 5, managing Sisi, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 155,974 acres, 23% contained.

Sisi – Active behavior, timber litter, 941 acres, 0% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 13 TOC NR Team 2 today, managing 4 other incidents, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 7,700 acres, 13% contained.

King – Active behavior, timber, 960 acres, 0% contained.

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

McCully – NW Team 3, managing North Pole, timber and grass, evacuations, 6,000 acres, 0% contained.

North Pole – Timber and grass, 310 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3, managing Hagen, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 9,272 acres, 13% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 60,645 acres, 33% contained.

Austin – GB Team 4, managing Grasshopper and The Narrows, active behavior, timber and brush, 8,700 acres, 0% contained.

Grasshopper – Active behavior, timber and brush, 93,800 acres, 76% contained.

The Narrows – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 281 acres, 0% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 5, SW Team 3 mobilizing, extreme behavior, light fuels and timber,

Rowe Creek Complex – ODF Team 2 TOC CA Team 4 tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 355,000 acres, 93% contained.

Luna – Moderate behavior, timber, 4,776 acres, 31% contained.

Mustang – Extreme behavior, grass and timber, 13,300 acres, 30% contained.

Mitchell Springs – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 3,700 acres, 20% contained.

Electric – Timber, active behavior, 500 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 11 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Plaskett – 140 acres, 0% contained.

Timber – CA Team 3, managing Plaskett, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 18,994 acres, 21% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 7 new starts, 19 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Sand Creek – NR Team 1, managing Bobcat Lakes and Moose, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 33,690 acres, 11% contained.



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

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

Upper Smith – Active behavior, timber, 4,500 acres, 36% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 31 new starts, 19 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Oxley – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 11,000 acres, 15% contained.

Crooked – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 4,900 acres, 0% contained.

Sombrero – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 20,000 acres, 50% contained.

Hawk – GB Team 6, minimal behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 15,000 acres, 93% contained.

Slough Canyon – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 4,500 acres, 0% contained.

Flint – Active behavior, light fuels, 6,500 acres, 0% contained.

Cave – Extreme behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Blue Eagle – Light fuels, active behavior, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Calico – Active behavior, light fuels, 10,000 acres, 0% contained.

Tom Creek – Active behavior, light fuels, 4,800 acres, 5% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 30 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires.

Ross – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 80,000 acres, 12% contained.

Mitchell – Minimal behavior, southern rough, 735 acres, 0% contained.

West Glover – OK, moderate behavior, timber, 450 acres, 50% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 10 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Elk – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 7,200 acres, 46% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, supporting incidents in MN, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO Team.

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

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

Frijoles – TOC SW Team 4 today, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 15,333 acres, 59% contained.

Paddy Creek – 520 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Alex Melitsis)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Saturday)

- **Critical conditions are expected across large areas of the west today:**
 - forecast dry lightning brings high-risk significant fire potential to parts of Southern California, northern Great Basin, and Northern Rockies
 - Dry, breezy, and unstable weather across the Sierra Front into Nevada, Idaho, and southeast Oregon will result in high-risk significant fire potential across those parts
- Tomorrow and Saturday, dry lightning remains a risk across parts of California and the Northern Rockies, with dry and breezy winds continuing across the Sierra Front into parts of Nevada, Utah, and Montana
- 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 (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Cooler temperatures and higher humidities are expected across the northern half of the West this weekend into the first half of next week, with maximum temperatures averaging 5-15°F below normal for many locations
- Breezy to locally windy southwest winds in the southern Great Basin into northern Arizona and the Four Corners on Sunday with gusts up to 40 mph as well as mixed wet/dry thunderstorms with breezy/dry conditions likely extending into Monday for these areas
- Localized areas of wetting precipitation are possible in the Northwest and northern Rockies, but are most likely to occur west of the Cascades
- 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, dry and breezy conditions will return to the southern Plains and Lower/Mid Mississippi Valleys this weekend, with 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 (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		26	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	63	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	23		
HELO TYPE1	105		
HELO TYPE2	49		
HELO TYPE3	60		
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	15	5	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	76	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	163	0	
CREW TYPE 2	272	379	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	124	105	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	7	
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	21	3	
SHOWERS	45	10	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	29
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	3
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	153 – HEQB, TFLD, SEC
PENDING	



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- Preparing crews to mobilize on NICC Jet back to lower 48.

California – Jay Kurth

- Plaskett grew last night, will use indirect strategy that will require additional crews and burning.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- No critical needs.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, heavy IA, 3 new and emerging fires. Personnel on T3 incidents seeing a lot of winds, retardant has been beneficial until personnel can be assigned.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- Moderate to heavy IA. Shift in containment strategy on Sand Creek may require additional crews. Moving resources to support ____ in northern Idaho.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Increased activity on existing large fires in WA, expect additional growth with winds. Piece of equipment on Grasshopper found burned up, unknown.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- Light IA, ERCs creeping up adding to resistance to control. Receiving some precipitation, no needs at this time.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Appreciate air support. Challenges with staffing for VLAT base, project paused. UTFs for air attacks in TX. Monitoring Dolly for impacts.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no critical needs.



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NMAC Agency Updates

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- 1 NIMO Team available.

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NASF – Greg Smith – Mark Goeller

- MT and UT reporting steady IA. WA DNR reports successful IA but good progress on large fires. OK reporting increase in IA and increase in lightning.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Additional rappel ship will be sent to NR today.

1 jump ship will be down today for maintenance.

Moving T1 UAS to AZ. Will request assistance from NMAC if needed.

36:6 being mitigated and monitored for SEATS and Scoopers.

MAFFS 2, 5, and 9 available in Klamath Falls.

MAFFS 4 should be available later today.

MAFFS 6 will be repositioned back to home unit for phased maintenance, will be available early next week.

T1 CWN redirected to Little Giant.

63 active TFRs.

Prioritizing moving crews to GB and NW.

23 IHCs available in the next three days.

Several SW crews will hit end of season dates in the next week.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Andrea Lannen-Littlefield

CIFFC remains at PL5.

Australia is about 4 weeks ahead in their fire schedule.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

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NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

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Administration

PL – 5 (4.82)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Military

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Crews

Orders for local government crews may be placed up and filled.

