

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 28, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Kerry Jones	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
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: Hans Ohme	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Mark Goeller	☒ NICC: Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	☒ 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: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Kerry Jones
☒ 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: Tyler McCowan	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: LJ Brown, Jason Miller, Harold Riggs, Karis Collet, Dave Williams, Mike Krupski, Richard Parrish, Jeremy Sullens, Kerry Jones, Alex Melitsis, Mike Riker, Beau Dobberstein, Mike Henry, Marcus Medina, Ben Gannon, Col Little, Penny States, Shaun Jensen, John Cervantes, Kevin Sweeney, Ricardo Reynoso, Lindsey Lewis, Eric Graff, Casey Cheesbrough, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Rubenstein

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 29 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

PL5, 153 new starts, 97 uncontained large fires, 16 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 5 MAFFS, 245 international personnel, 240 military personnel, 421 crews, 1,200 engines, 158 helicopters, 21,859 personnel assigned.

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

S-1 Vya – CA Team 2, minimal behavior, no intense heat, timber and light fuels, 9,600 acres, 10% contained.

Milepost 18 – CA Team 2 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 7,600 acres, 93% contained.

Northwest: PL5, 2 new starts, 30 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs.

Little Giant – CA Team 5, managing Sisi, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 161,200 acres, 25% contained,

Sisi – Active behavior, timber litter, 943 acres, 0% contained.

Three Queens – NR Team 2, managing 4 other incidents, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 8,200 acres, 5% contained.

King – Active behavior, timber, 1,800 acres, 0% contained.

Goat – Active behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 653 acres, 0% contained.

Wonderland Complex – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 339 acres, 0% contained.

McCully – NW Team 3, extreme behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 8,300 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3, managing Hagen, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 70,061 acres, 13% contained.

Hagen – Moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 60,600 acres, 33% contained.

Sinlahekin – Cal Fire Team 5 TOC SW Team 3 tomorrow, extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, 163,00 acres, 49% contained.

Austin – GB Team 4, managing The Narrows and Grasshopper, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 9,200 acres, 0% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, 55,100 acres, 75% contained.

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

Timber – CA Team 3, managing Plaskett, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 23,400 acres, 21% contained.

Plaskett – Active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 120 acres, 0% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 19 new starts, 21 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dudley – Active behavior, timber, 150 acres, 0% contained.

Silver – Active behavior, timber, 1,700 acres, 0% contained.

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

Moose Mountain – Active behavior, timber and brush, 5,900 acres, 10% contained.

Parker Lake – Active behavior, timber and brush, 443 acres, 0% contained.

Porcupine – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 175 acres, 0% contained.

Cooper – Moderate behavior, timber, 176 acres, 0% contained.

Grato – 1,200 acres, 0% contained.



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Three Links – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 760 acres, 0% contained.
Roe 2 – MT DNRC, active behavior, light fuels, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.
Sand Creek – NR Team 1, managing Bobcat Lakes and Moose, active behavior, timber, 33,800 acres, 11% contained.
Bobcat Lakes – Active behavior, timber, 10,500 acres, 40% contained.
Moose – Active behavior, timber, 6,000 acres, 10% contained.
Camp Creek – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 8,400 acres, 0% contained.
Silvertip – Minimal behavior, timber, 7,000 acres, 15% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 58 new starts, 18 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

McConnell – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 16,000 acres, 10% contained.
Calico – Active behavior, light fuels, 12,500 acres, 0% contained.
Oxley – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 11,300 acres, 32% contained.
Blue Eagle – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 9,000 acres, 0% contained.
Kearny – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 300 acres, 30% contained.
Hawk – GB Team 6, transitioning to McConnell, minimal behavior, grass and timber, 15,000 acres, 95% contained.
Wildhorse – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 90,000 acres, 15% contained.
Crooked – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 6,200 acres, 5% contained.
Flint – Active behavior, light fuels, 6,700 acres, 0% contained.
Slough Canyon – Moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 4,500 acres, 10% contained.
Tom Creek – Active behavior, light fuels, 4,991 acres, 10% contained.
Brushy Canyon – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 9,600 acres, 0% contained.
Teddy Valley – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 17 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires.

Ross – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 88,000 acres, 40% contained.
Main Trail – Minimal behavior, southern rough, 820 acres, 58% contained.
Rio Escondido – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 2,700 acres, 80% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 8 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires.

Gold Mountain – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 40,000 acres, 87% contained.
Elk – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 7,200 acres, 52% contained.
Rancher – Minimal behavior, timber, 503 acres, 95% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, no new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO Team, no fire growth or changes to large fire containment.

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

Mukluk – AK Team 1, received precipitation and cooler temperatures, 7,333 acres, 30% contained..

Southwest: PL2, 15 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Campwood – AZ DOF, active behavior, chaparral and timber, 485 acres, 0% contained.
Paddy Creek – BIA, moderate behavior, timber, 520 acres, 0% contained.
Frioles – SW Team 4, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, 15,300 acres, 59% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Kerry Jones)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- A weather system approaching the Washington coast today will pass through the Northwest and northern Rockies this weekend ushering in breezy conditions and much cooler temperatures, along with higher RH and chances for mixed wet/dry thunderstorms
- Ahead of the incoming cold front, very low RH of 10–25% and widespread breezy to locally windy southwest and west winds are expected across parts of the Great Basin and into Wyoming and the West Slope, with wind gusts up to 45 mph possible in central and southwestern Wyoming this weekend
- A swath of higher RH and cloud cover will extend from the central Sierra through central Nevada, northern Utah, southeast Idaho and into south-central Montana today helping to locally moderate conditions through tomorrow
- Only modest monsoon moisture in the Southwest and southern Great Basin today and Saturday with RH lowering into the teens for most lower elevation locations with some recovery expected later this weekend, mainly Sunday
- 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 into the weekend with easing conditions next week and, in Hawai'i, moderate trade winds return with a typical pattern of occasional showers for windward locales and inland areas

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Cooler temperatures and higher humidities are expected across the northern half of the West throughout next week, with maximum temperatures averaging 5–15°F below normal for many locations
- Dry and breezy conditions across parts of the Sierra Front and Four Corners, as well as the southern Plains on Monday and Tuesday, bringing high-risk potential to those parts
- Breezy winds extend to northern parts of the west on Tuesday as a deep upper low approaches the northwest, bringing widespread gusts of 30 to 40mph to the area
- Moderate monsoonal moisture will maintain mixed wet/dry thunderstorms with breezy/dry conditions across the greater Four Corners into the West Slope on Monday and Tuesday
- Localized areas of wetting precipitation are possible in the Northwest and northern Rockies, but are most likely to occur west of the Cascades, with increasing chances of more widespread wetting rain across the Pacific Northwest near and west of the Cas



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory issued for North-Central Texas to include much of the Rolling Plains and Cross Timbers area.

Critically dry fuels and aggressive fire behavior expected.



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Resource Update (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	2
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER	8		
AIR ATTACK		43	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	63	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	24		
HELO TYPE1	117	0	
HELO TYPE2	43	0	
HELO TYPE3	61	0	
LARGE TRANS			Exchanging crews to AK tomorrow.
CIMT	14	8	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	72	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	155	0	
CREW TYPE 2	272	397	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	99	108	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	7	
RAPPELERS		112	
CATERERS	23	2	
SHOWERS	46	10	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	20
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	4
CREWS	19
ENGINES	2
OVERHEAD	189 – TFLD, SEC, HEQB
PENDING	



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- AK extending official fire season through September 14 for eastern side of the protection areas due to increased fire risk.

California – Jay Kurth

- Timber and Plaskett reporting need for logistical support and middle management.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, heavy IA, 3 new emerging incidents. Civilian fatality from injury.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Border fire, sharing 15 acres with BC, evaluating team. T3 IMT will take command of Upper Smith tomorrow. Critical need for crews and keeping current T1 helicopters. Jump 11 is out of service mechanical. Missoula and Grangeville out of jumpers this morning.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Moderating conditions on several large fires. Increase in activity on Little Giant and Sinlahekin with increased evacuations. Working on several crew extension requests.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, monitoring drawdown levels, activity increase in WY.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Appreciate aviation support. Expect heavy activity through August and September. Critical need for aircraft dispatchers, especially in TX.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no issues or concerns.



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NMAC Agency Updates

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USFS – Russ Long – Hans Ohme

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith – Mark Goeller

- MT reporting busy IA day yesterday. Roe 2 making good progress. CO will likely have a HEQB-T and T2 crew available Monday. TX in need of aircraft dispatchers.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Busy day for the smokejumpers and rappellers.

SMKJ boost sent to Grangeville from Boise.

Sierra rappel crew released to home unit after extended attack.

One T3 helicopter was available yesterday.

EU aircraft are beginning to hit end of year dates.

T2 restricted ship moved from EA to SOPS.

T1 moved from NW to NR.

2 single-engine scoopers mobilizing to OK.

Scoopers bumping up to 6:36, relief crew found.

59 active TFRs, 21 in the NW.

Today is day 20 for the DOW ground forces.

29 pending crew orders for 4 GAs.

9 IHCs available today.

Prioritizing crews into GB and balancing other GAs.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Andrea Lannen-Littlefield

CIFFC remains at PL5.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

NTR

Administration

PL – 5 (4.82)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Crews

Extension request for Mesa IHC on Austin for 7 days. End of season date 9/17. -Support

FAST Team Report

Intent for RM and GB to review and discuss the report.

Comments due back to NMAC on 9/1.

Revisit 9/2.

Complex Incident Management Teams

GB Team 6 reassigned from Hawk to McConnell.

Crooked CIMT request. Recommend filling with GB Team 3. -Support

Assignment evaluations are due to Jesse. Less than 1/3 of all CIMT mobilizations have submitted evaluations.

IAFF

Company was allowed into camp to administer the substance to personnel.

Safety message was distributed through agencies.

Legal concerns for the incidents and camps allowing things without AA awareness.

FAST Team asked to look into the substance incident.

