

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 29, 2026

1100 - 1145

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Kerry Jones	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: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Mark Goeller	☒ NICC: Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collett	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Paul Lundgren
☒ 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: Kerry Jones
☐ Crews: Josh Acosta	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: Caleb Ashby	☐ DOW: COL Little
☒ 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: Lisa Sandoval	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Josh Acosta, Beau Dobberstein, Michael Henry, Harld Riggs, Jeremy Sullens, , Shaun Jensen, Andy James, Jake Sjolund, Karis Collet, Richard Parrish, John McKee, Kevin Sweeney, Mike Rubenstein, Ricardo Reynoso

NEXT MEETING:

Sunday, 30 August 2026, 1100-1300



National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

National Fire Activity Overview (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

PL5. Light IA. 4 new large fires. 5 large fires contained. 92 uncontained large fires. 16 CIMTs committed. 1 NIMO committed. 220+ fire personnel from Australia/New Zealand are assigned. 4 MAFFs committed. 240 US Army personnel are deployed to the Little Giant Fire. 21,371 personnel assigned.

Great Basin:

PL4. 1 new large fire. 17 uncontained large fires. 2 CIMTs committed.
McConnell Fire: 20,000 acres. 10,000 acres of growth. 10% contained.
Crooked Fire: GB Team 3 mobilizing. 6,324 acres. 14% contained.
Calico Fire: 15,316 acres. 10% contained.
Blue Eagle Fire: 9,021 acres. 0% contained.
Wild Horse Fire: Received precip yesterday. 107,562 acres. 17,560 acres of growth. 21% contained.
Brushy Canyon Fire: Moderate behavior. 10,000 acres. 35% contained.
Slough Canyon Fire: 4,668 acres. 25% contained.
Flint Fire: Received precip. 6,763 acres. 17% contained.
Coldwater Fire: 1,900 acres. 70% contained.
Kearny Fire: 30% contained.
Teddy Valley Fire: Received precip. 361 acres. 40% contained.
Tom Creek Fire: 5,000 acres. 45% contained.

Northwest:

PL5. 28 uncontained large fires. 9 CIMTs committed.
Little Giant Fire: CA Team 5 assigned. 162,961 acres. 27% contained.
SiSi Fire: 1,800 acres. 0% contained.
Sinlahekin Fire: Active behavior. Transfer to SW Team 3 today. 166,854. 49% contained.
McCulley Fire: NW Team 3 assigned. 9,484 acres. 0% contained.
Paradise Fire: SW Team 3 assigned. 9,324. 15% contained.
Hagen Fire: 60,737 acres. 35% contained.
Three Queens Fire: 8,496 acres. 5% contained.
King Fire: 2,326 acres. 0% contained.
Goat Fire: 687 acres. 0% contained.
Austin Fire: GB Team 4 assigned. 10,250 acres. 0% contained.
Grasshopper Fire: 93,923 acres. 81% contained.
High Lava Fire: 2,893 acres. 23% contained.

Northern Rockies:

PL3. 20 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.
Roe 2 Fire: 982 acres. 10% contained.
Dudley Fire: Active behavior. 253 acres. 0% contained.
Sand Creek Fire: NR Team 1 assigned. 34,106 acres. 13% contained.
Bobcat Lakes Fire: 10,526. 40% contained.
Nature Grove Fire: 855 acres. 0% contained.
Moose Mountain Fire: 5,341 acres. 8% contained.



National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

Southern Area:

PL3. 2 new large fires. 10 uncontained large fires.

Brushy Creek Fire: 208 acres. 50% contained.

Whitetail Fire: 300 acres. 20% contained.

Ross Fire: Very active behavior. 85,000 acres. 26% contained.

North Ops:

PL3. 2 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.

S1 Vya Fire: 9,692 acres. 25% contained.

South Ops:

PL3. 2 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed

Timber Fire: CA Team 3 assigned. 23,343 acres. 21% contained.

Plaskett Fire: 5,417 acres. Doubled in size. 0% contained.

Southwest:

PL2. 1 new large fire. 5 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.

Whiskey Fire: 180 acres. 0% contained.

Frijoles Fire: SW Team 4 assigned. 15,338 acres. 59% contained.

Rocky Mountain:

PL2. 4 uncontained large fires.

No change

Eastern Area:

PL2. 3 uncontained large fires. 1 NIMO committed.

Sioux Fire: 90% contained.

Alaska:

PL1. 1 uncontained large fire. 1 CIMT committed.

No change



National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

Predictive Services Update National Fire Weather Update (Kerry Jones)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Monday)

- A weather system crossing the Northwest today will pass through the northern Rockies on Sunday reinforcing cooler/much cooler temperatures and moderating conditions, along isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms through the remainder of the weekend
- Ahead of the cold front, the strongest winds will continue across southern Nevada, Utah, northwest Colorado into Wyoming, with gusts near 50 mph possible. Breezy to windy west and southwest winds with gusts to 50 mph (locally stronger near/east of the Divide in Montana and Wyoming) amid RH 20-30% are expected in the northern and central Rockies on Sunday
- Increasing monsoon moisture in the Southwest tomorrow and Monday with scattered to numerous wet thunderstorms favoring Arizona and western New Mexico with locally heavy rainfall possible
- Cooler-than-normal temperatures and wetter conditions in Alaska through the end of the month, while increasing moisture in Puerto Rico bring lower potential this weekend into early next week and, in Hawai'i, a typical pattern of occasional showers for windward locales and inland areas will continue into next week, however numerous Pacific tropical storms may impact Hawai'i later next week

Long-term (Tuesday through next Monday)

- 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,
- Very hot and unusually dry conditions will continue across the southern Plains next week, bringing periods of high-risk potential
- 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 Cascades later next week



National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

Resource Update (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	
VLAT		3	3
SCOOPER	24		
AIR ATTACK		41	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	63	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS			
HELO TYPE1	105	0	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	58	0	
LARGE TRANS	1		Moving crews from AK
CIMT	15		
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	72	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	154	1	
CREW TYPE 2	271	405	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	100	120	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	6	
RAPPELERS		16/97	
CATERERS	22	2	
SHOWERS	48	10	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	10
TANKER	3
HELO	7
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	6
ENGINES	1
OVERHEAD	178
PENDING	



National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- No concerns
- CIMT transfer of command to state Type 3 team on 9/1.

California – Jay Kurth

- Plaskett Fire: 5,925 acres. Doubled in size.
- Timber Fire: had 5,000 acres of growth. Forecast rain is not changing fire behavior. Working to fill Division TF leaders, middle management with state and local assistance.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- Downtick in resource needs.

Great Basin – John Foley

- Moderate activity, scattered moisture.
- No critical needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Deer Creek going back to local Monday morning.
- NR Team 8 headed to Silver Fire this evening.
- Ability to assign internal crews has been helpful.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Potential for PL4 in next 24-48 hours.
- Expect additional orders for crews to go direct
- Wrights Spring is going to Type 3, will not need a CIMT

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- Maintaining drawdown levels at PL2

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Reducing exporting posture for resources – reallocating within the GA
- Critical Needs: Aircraft dispatcher for TX, MRB
- Ross Fire: unable to get to fire with equipment – expect crew orders.
- Expect engine/heavy equipment orders for west side of GACC.

Southwest – Harold Riggs

- Fort Apache Fire: 700 acres. Expect containment to go up soon.



National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- Leadership visit between Chief Fisher and Chief Fennessey went well.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Mark Goeller

- OR is demobilizing National Guard helos.
- CO will have 1x Type 2IA available Monday -- likely to TX via state to state.
- Heavy Equipment Boss trainee available, WA DNR will pick that up.
- AK has dispatchers coming available, likely headed to TX.
- TX will order Type 2IA crews (may get Colorado's available 2IA).
- TX needs air tanker base manager, order coming today.
- ND, NE, OK, TX are busy with IA.

NMAC Operations Report Out

-Jump aircraft that have been out of service are back in service this morning/

-Jump 90 has 2 more days available.

-Some rotary wing assets are timing out in AK, some are extending.

-52 TFRs, 20 in NW.

-RIST: Focus is on support to Type 3 and will support CIMT case-by-case.

-Crews:

Today: 1x 2IA, 1x IHC to SOPS, 2x IHC to NR

Pending Orders: 28

Coming Available: 4x IHC today, 10x IHC tomorrow. 24 coming available over next 5 days. (4 crews coming from AK today).

-MAFFS: 5 total tails. 3x tails have been doing ad-hoc RON in SOPs. Recommend permanent reallocation of 3x tails to SOPs. - **Support**



National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

Liaison Report Out

International – Andrea Lannen-Littlefield

CIFFC at PL5

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

NTR

Administration

PL – 5 (4.82)

GACC Priority: GB NW NR SA SOPs, NOPs, SW, RM, EA, AK - **Support**

Resource Allocation:

Admin Topics

Military

Operating out of 3 camps. MAFFs dropped millionth gallon yesterday

International

Group coming off R&R heading out to previous fires.

CIMT Decisions

-Paradise Fire: NW's #4 priority. Socio-political: Walla Walla watershed affected, fire is over 500 sq miles.

-NW has 3 teams available by date time needed.

-Recommend NW fill internally – **Support**

