

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 30, 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
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	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: Karis Collet	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Goldman
☒ 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: Alex Melitsis
☒ 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: Brian Fennessy, LJ Brown, Richard Parrish, Julie Polutnik, Wade Clack, David Lee, Mike Riker, Perry Breitenstein, Any James, Beau Dobberstein, Justin Gilman, Col Little, Bryan Stamps, Shaun Jensen, Megan Heffentrager, Kerry Jones

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 31 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

PL5, 184 new starts, 98 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 245 international responders, 240 military personnel, 5 MAFFS, 441 crews, 1,332 engines, 160 helicopters, 22,168 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 11 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

S-1 Vya – CA Team 2, managing Milepost 18, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,600 acres, 43% contained.

Milepost 18 – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 7,600 acres, 94% contained.

Northwest: PL4, 112 new starts, 26 uncontained large fires, 8 CIMTs.

Little Giant – CA Team 5, managing Sisi, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, 102,900 acres, 27% contained.

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

Sinlahekin – SW Team 3, moderate behavior, grass and timber, received precipitation, evacuations, 166,800 acres, 41% contained.

McCully – NW Team 3, active behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 9,400 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3, managing Hagen, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,300 acres, 15% contained.

Hagen – Moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 60,800 acres, 35% contained.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 7, minimal behavior, timber, 55,100 acres, 85% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 9 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Timber – CA Team 3, managing Plaskett, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 24,800 acres, 21% contained.

Plaskett – Active behavior, grass and timber, 8,000 acres, 1% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 5 new starts, 21 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dudley – Active behavior, timber and brush, 578 acres, 0% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 1, managing Bobcat Lakes, Moose, and Skull incidents, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, received precipitation, evacuations, 34,000 acres, 13% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, received precipitation, 10,700 acres, 40% contained.

Moose – Minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, received precipitation, 5,900 acres, 12% contained.

Skull – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, received precipitation, 50 acres, 0% contained.

Nature Grove – Moderate behavior, timber, received precipitation, 991 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 24 new starts, 17 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

McConnell – GB Team 6, active behavior, light fuels, 32,100 acres, 13% contained.

Crooked – GB Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber and light fuels, 7,400 acres, 12% contained.

Calico – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 18,312 acres, 10% contained.



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Blue Eagle – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 33% contained.
Wildhorse – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 107,500 acres, 70% contained.
Slough Canyon – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 3,200 acres, 36% contained.
Brushy Canyon – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 10,000 acres, 45% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 11 new starts, 16 uncontained large fires.

Ross – Active behavior, light fuels, 85,300 acres, 31% contained.

Sandy – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,000 acres, 5% contained.

West Fork – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 680 acres, 40% contained.

Wildhorse Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, 106 acres, 45% contained.

McKee Draw – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 2,800 acres, 50% contained.

High Fence – Active behavior, hardwood litter and brush, 250 acres, 60% contained.

South Beaver Mountain – Active behavior, hardwood litter and timber, 108 acres, 80% contained.

Railroad South - 500 acres.

Alexander Trail – 1,200 acres, 10% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 10 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Elk – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 7,200 acres, 64% contained.

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

Increased containment reported on all large fires in MN.

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

Southwest: PL2, 2 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Mogote Ridge – Moderate behavior, timber, 112 acres, 10% contained.

Paddy Creek – BIA, timber, 520 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Alex Melitsis)

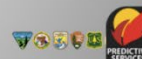
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Tuesday)

- Prolonged, extreme heat continues across the southern Plains with breezy winds leading to high-risk significant fire potential for the coming days
- Much cooler air moves over much of the west today with lighter winds across the Pacific Northwest and parts of the northern Great Basin, however breezy winds develop across the northern and central Rockies into the High Plains, with gusts 35-50mph
- Dry and breezy winds develop across the Sierra Front into western Nevada and southeastern Oregon over the next few days, resulting in high-risk significant fire potential
- Increasing monsoon moisture in the Southwest and Four Corners today and Monday with scattered to numerous wet thunderstorms favoring Arizona and western New Mexico with locally heavy rainfall possible, however dry lighting is possible on the moisture periphery
- Cool and wet in Alaska for much of the week, while Puerto Rico experiences a wetter and windier pattern through Monday before drier and hotter conditions return late week and, in Hawai'i, breezy trade winds to continue this week with passing showers for windward locales and inland areas

Long-term (Wednesday through next Tuesday)

- Much cooler temperatures and moderating RH will expand across an increasingly broad area of the Northwest, western parts of the northern Rockies and northern Great Basin into northern California Wednesday into Thursday
- Odds favor above/much above normal precipitation for the Northwest and northern Rockies extending into the northern Great Basin and northern California, including areas of significant wetting precipitation Wednesday-Thursday
- Extreme heat will build across the central and southern Plains into the Mid-Mississippi Valley with widespread temperatures 100-110°F amidst RH 15-30% along with breezy conditions at times in the southern Plains, especially Oklahoma into north/central Texas
- In the Southwest, a more active monsoon pattern indicated late in the week while temperatures in southern California to the central/southern Great Basin trend closer to seasonable levels



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	4
VLAT		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		41	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	63	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		24	
HELO TYPE1	99		
HELO TYPE2	41		
HELO TYPE3	57	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	15	6	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	74	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	153	0	
CREW TYPE 2	267	467	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	81	142	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	6	
RAPPELERS		112	
CATERERS	22	3	
SHOWERS	46	10	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	2
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	15
ENGINES	2
OVERHEAD	156 – TFLD, HEQB, SEC
PENDING	



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update **Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet**

- PL1, no concerns.

California – Jay Kurth

- Plaskett has reached lines and is into Silver Peak wilderness, anticipate continued growth, CIMT order has been placed.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- Light activity, will discuss decrease in PL this week.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, few fires received precipitation. No critical needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

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Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Decreased to PL4. Light IA due to storms in Washington. Little Giant activity continues. McCully securing line and working on structure protection. Three Queens right-sizing resource needs.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- No critical needs.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- 2 fatalities, 1 civilian and 1 agency. Expected increased activity to continue. Critical need for aircraft dispatchers remains.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, light IA. Mount Emma on north rim of the Grand Canyon, light to moderate activity, values associated.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- USWFS LEO passed away on incident in SA assisting with evacuations.

USFS – Russ Long – Hans Ohme

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

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NASF – Greg Smith – Mark Goeller

- Southern states holding onto all resources due to drought. AR extended SEAT contract and utilized National Guard air resources last week. OK reports IA and extended attack since February, resources experiencing continued fatigue. Forested fires require daily monitoring due to needle cast.

NMAC Operations Report Out

MAFFS 6 is back in service in Redding with MAFFS 4.

MAFFS 2, 5, and 9 relocated to Santa Maria.

Crews moved to NW, SOPS, and GB.

13 pending crew orders, 9 IHCs available today.

Liaison Report Out

International – Andrea Lannen-Littlefield

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Safety – Tyler McCowan

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NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

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Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Demobilizing one resource home to Australia.

All other resources are committed to incident.

Military

MAFFS 9 is at home station in Reno, NV for maintenance.

9/6 will be the last working day for the ground resources.

Ground forces are demobilizing 9/7. Motor coach coming over from Puget Sound on 1300 after ceremony in Cheland.

Resources will arrive back at JBLM on 9/7 at 1700.

Complex Incident Management Teams

Plaskett CIMT request. DTN will not be flexible or negotiable.

-CA has had 4 internal mobilizations. Recommend filling with SW from the national rotation. -

Support

CA believes Plaskett remains an emerging incident and is advocating for an internal fill.

Recommend consistency and following the national rotation rules that are in place and outlined in the NISRM.

SW is up next with 2 CIMTs available.

Plaskett has had a CIMT managing it for multiple days, now outside their capacity and requesting a new CIMT.

NMAC's intent is not to manage individual CIMTs to ensure all teams have the exact same amount of assignments, rather better distribution of workload.

After meeting follow up: SW unable to meet CA Plaskett DTN, CA will fill with an internal CIMT.



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ICAP

Feedback received for ICAP from most GAs.

Many of the comments are surrounding items already being worked on by the developers.

Several feedback items are on the list for future development consideration.

Complex IC (ICCI) will not be included as most GAs handle IC selections through a different process. -Support

Primary, alternate, and shared position options are currently included. Propose removing “alternate” from the options. -All three options will be kept.

Shared typically means one person shares a C&G or Unit Leader position.

Some GAs utilize alternates when resources are only available a percentage of the year.

Should temporary and seasonal personnel options be kept or can they be combined into one option? -Combine into one option.

Jesse will work to clear out the system and work with each GA to correctly edit nomenclature that needs to be.

Crews

Local government crew orders will be pushed from NW to CA for potential fills.

If the resource is showing available in the system and is ordered, they should be filled to meet the intent of the system.

Resources under CA agreement will fill CA needs first prior to releasing for national needs.

Local government crews will follow standard mobilization and use protocols as all other resources (e.g., 14-day assignments, may be reassigned within the GA).

