

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 31, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	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: Russ Long	☒ 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: Richard Parrish
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☐ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☒ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: Caleb Ashby	☒ 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, Grant Beebe, Hans Ohme, Jeremy Sullens, Jason Miller, Dave Williams, Steve Miller, Mike Krupski, Harold Riggs, Col Little, Stanton Florea, Brian Marshall, Julie Polutnik, David Lee, Shaun Jensen, Kerry Jones, Amber Sunderland, Jason Bruce, Casey Cheesbrough, Heath Cota, Ben Gannon, John Cervatnes, Beau Dobberstein, Chris Delaney, Scott Dehnisch, Eric Graff, Megan Heffentrager, Gordy Sachs, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Kevin Sweeney, Mike Theune

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 1 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

PL5, 108 new starts, 93 uncontained large fires, 16 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 5 MAFFS, 250 international responders, 240 international personnel, 429 crews, 1,331 engines, 148 helicopters, 22,434 personnel assigned.

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

S-1 Vya – CA Team 2, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,600 acres, 53% contained.

Northwest: PL4, 3 new starts, 25 uncontained large fires, 8 CIMTs.

Little Giant – CA Team 5, managing Sisi, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 163,400 acres, 49% contained.

Sisi – Active behavior, timber litter, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

McCully – NW team 3, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 11,200 acres, 2% contained.

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

Hagen – Moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 61,100 acres, 45% contained.

Austin – GB Team 4, managing Grasshopper and The Narrows, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 10,700 acres, 0% contained.

The Narrows – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 300 acres, 11% contained.

Sinlahekin – SW Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 166,900 acres, 40% contained.

Three Queens – NR Team 2, managing 4 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 8,700 acres, 5% contained.

King – Moderate behavior, timber, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Goat – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 735 acres, 0% contained.

Electric – Timber, 500 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 14 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Timber – CA Team 3, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 24,900 acres, 21% contained.

Plaskett – CA Team 7 mobilizing, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 15,400 acres, 1% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 7 new starts, 21 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dudley – Active behavior, timber and brush, 553 acres, 14% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 1, managing Bobcat Lakes, Moose, and Skull incidents, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 34,100 acres, 13% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 10,700 acres, 45% contained.

Moose – Minimal behavior, timber, 6,000 acres, 12% contained.

Nature Grove – Moderate behavior, timber, 1,100 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 25 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

McConnell – GB Team 6, active behavior, light fuels, 32,569 acres, 36% contained.

Calico – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 18,300 acres, 25% contained.

Blue Eagle – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 9,200 acres, 45% contained.



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Slough Canyon – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 4,700 acres, 34% contained.
Wildhorse – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 107,500 acres, 95% contained.
Brushy Canyon – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 10,000 acres, 85% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 18 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires.

Ross – Active behavior, light fuels, 90,000 acres, 31% contained.

Railroad South – Extreme behavior, timber litter, 515 acres, 13% contained.

Alexander Trail – Active behavior, timber, 1,600 acres, 10% contained.

Wright – Extreme behavior, hardwood litter, 600 acres, 70% contained.

Sandy – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,500 acres, 40% contained.

McKee Draw – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 4,400 acres, 65% contained.

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

Eastern Area: PL2, 15 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO Team.

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

Southwest: PL2, 5 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

4V – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 1,000 acres, 50% contained.

Mogote Ridge – Moderate behavior, timber, 112 acres, 40% contained.

Paddy Creek – Moderate behavior, timber, 668 acres, 0% contained.

Mount Emma – Grand Canyon NP, 250-700 acres.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Kerry Jones)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Wednesday)

- Moderate southerly winds persisting across much of the central and southern Plains early this week, but not as strong as recent days with gusts up to 30 mph amid RH 15-30%
- West to southwesterly winds increase throughout much of the northern half of the West early this week, especially Tuesday and Wednesday, as a strong upper low deepens off the Northwest coast
- Breezy to locally windy conditions and very low RH 5-15% across northeast California, the Sierra Front, southeast Oregon, and northwest Nevada resulting in elevated to locally critical conditions, especially Tuesday
- Decent monsoon moisture in the Southwest and great Four Corners today, but drier air moves into Arizona tomorrow and much of the Southwest by Wednesday
- 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 by mid-week

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Much cooler temperatures, moderating RH, and widespread precipitation with high elevation snow will expand across an increasingly broad area of the Northwest, western parts of the northern Rockies and northern Great Basin into northern California late week. Lighter precipitation is likely to continue in the northwestern U.S. this weekend
- Very hot temperatures are expected across the central and southern Plains into the Mid-Mississippi Valley late week and into early next week, with temperatures 100-110°F amidst RH 15-30% and breezy conditions at times in the southern Plains, especially Oklahoma into north/central Texas
- There is considerable uncertainty early to mid-next week with the upper-level trough off the coast, how quickly it weakens, and whether it entrains a Pacific tropical system into the Intermountain West
- There is a 30% chance of the system getting entrained to produce widespread wetting rain across much of the Intermountain West, but also a 40% chance the trough weakens significantly with much drier conditions and strong upper-level high pressure off the coast bringing well above normal temperatures to the West Coast



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Resource Update (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK			
LEAD ASM			
SEAT	63	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	24		
HELO TYPE1	92		
HELO TYPE2	40		
HELO TYPE3	56		
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	16	5	
T3 IMT		1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	75	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	141	0	
CREW TYPE 2	259	465	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	88	111	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	13	6	
RAPPELERS		118	
CATERERS	21	4	
SHOWERS	44	11	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	12
TANKER	2
HELO	9
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	3
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	132 – SEC, HEQB
PENDING	



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, no concerns. AK Team 1 shadow day with T3 IMT on Mukluk, will make resources available as able. Only able to provide 1 trainee aircraft dispatcher.

California – Jay Kurth

- Plaskett showing 15,400 acres, CIMT inbriefing 1400 today, expect significant amount of resource orders.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, prioritizing 5 large fires. No critical needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- No critical needs.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Light IA. McCully request immediate need for 2 task forces for structure protection. Sisi shifting resources to Sinlahekin for structure protection. Expect CIMT request for Austin. Discussing suppression repair work.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, light IA, no needs or concerns.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Appreciate the aircraft and aircraft dispatcher support for TX. MRB will allow for up to 10 LATs in Abilene. USWFS and OK looking to open SEAT base in Muscogee, OK starting this afternoon. FL state will offer CIMT support to TX state.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, light IA. Trying to obtain updated acreage on Mount Emma, appreciate aviation support yesterday.



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NASF – Greg Smith – Mark Goeller

- FL sending short state CIMT to TX, will manage Ross. FL coordinating with CA for AOBD, looking for Cost Manager. OR has released all tactical National Guard aircraft, maintaining one Medevac ship. WA will keep all DNR resources in state for IA. MN will begin to release out of state resources, will hold on to MN resources for IA.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Moving aviation resources to SOPS and SA.

Lead/ASM timing out in TX, working on replacement.

Tanker 911 inspection is delayed several days.

MAFFS 2, 5 and 9 support organizations have fully moved to Santa Maria.

42 active TFRs, only 15 in the NW.

Sensor swap occurring for NIROPS support today for additional night platform.

23 pending crew orders, 2 IHCs available today.

21 T1 crews available over the next 5 days.

Working to mobilize T2IA crew from AK to the lower 48 on 9/4.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Andrea Lannen-Littlefield

NTR

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Military/international demobilization social media content in progress.

NMAC Public Affairs SOP being reviewed by FS, will then send to USWFS.

Channel 6 reporter interested in pilot interview, will work with aviation.

Administration

PL – 5

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

Remain at PL5.

Military and international resources remain deployed.

Wetting rains expected this week.

Revisit on 9/2.

Complex Incident Management Teams

SW unable to meet Plaskett DTN. NMAC allowed CA to fill Plaskett internally. Next CIMT replacement must go to the national rotation.

Little Giant CIMT replacement request. Recommend allowing NW to fill internally. -Support

Suppression Repair

Concern with the amount of suppression repair that has been placed on hold due to the amount of resources being immediately pushed back into the system.

Short window of opportunity to complete the work prior to a shift in weather.

T2 crews, overhead, and equipment are beginning to come available in GAs that they would like to utilize to begin suppression repair work.

As national PL decreases, there may be availability to begin repair as a secondary focus to suppression.

Critical shortage for middle management continues in several areas for suppression.

