

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 1, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	Information
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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: 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: Jim Wallmann
☒ 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: Hans Ohme, LJ Brown, Jeremy Sullens, Alex Melitsis, Jim Prevette, Karis Collet, Mike Krupski, Steve Goldman, Ben Hornsby, Harold Riggs, Heath Cota, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Penny States, Mike Theune, Shaun Jensen, Maj Fort, Marcus Medina, Andy James, John Cervantes, Scott Dehnisch, Ben Gannon, Mike Henry, Shihming Huang, Tanner Hutt, Kristin Kirschner, John Mckee, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Gordy Sachs, Kevin Sweeney, Dave Underwood, Julie Polutnik, Amber Sunderland, Mike Riker, Stanton Florea, FS Contracting guests

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 2 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

PL5, 140 new starts, 87 uncontained large fires, 17 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 5 MAFFS, 245 international responders, 240 military personnel, 383 crews, 1,288 engines, 21,268 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 12 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

S-1 Vya – CA Team 2, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,600 acres, 64% contained.

Milepost 18 – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 7,600 acres, 95% contained.

Northwest: PL4, 9 new starts, 24 uncontained large fires, 9 CIMTs.

McCully – NW Team 3, active behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 12,500 acres, 4% contained.

Little Giant – CA Team 5, managing Sisi, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 171,300 acres, 49% contained.

Sisi – Active behavior, timber litter, 2,200 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3, NW Team 8 mobilizing, managing Hagen, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,400 acres, 15% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber light fuels, 61,100 acres, 50% contained.

Austin – GB Team 4, managing Grasshopper and The Narrows, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 11,600 acres, 0% contained.

Sinlahekin – SW Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 166,300 acres, 39% contained.

Three Queens – NR Team 2, managing 4 other incidents, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 9,300 acres, 5% contained.

King – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Deep Creek – 100 acres.

South Ops: PL3, 18 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Plaskett – CA Team 7, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 26,700 acres, 1% contained.

Timber – CA Team 3, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 25,100 acres, 22% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 3 new starts, 21 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dudley – Active behavior, timber and brush, 672 acres, 14% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 1, managing 3 other incidents, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 34,000 acres, 13% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 10,800 acres, 45% contained.

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

Skillet – Minimal behavior, timber and slash, 3,400 acres, 82% contained.

Upper Smith – Moderate behavior, timber, 4,700 acres, 42% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 35 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

McConnell – GB Team 6, active behavior, light fuels, 32,800 acres, 40% contained.

Crooked – GB Team 3, moderate behavior timber and light fuels, 8,600 acres, 21% contained.

Blue Eagle – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 9,200 acres, 52% contained.

Calico – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 18,300 acres, 50% contained.



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Flint – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 6,700 acres, 88% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 44 new starts, 15 uncontained large fires.

Ross – Active behavior, light fuels, 90,048 acres, 31% contained.

Railroad South – Extreme behavior, hardwood litter and grass, 515 acres, 30% contained.

Alexander Trail – Active behavior, timber, 1,600 acres, 20% contained.

Harris – Active behavior, light fuels, 500 acres, 25% contained.

Crow – Moderate behavior, timber, 125 acres, 45% contained.

Shotgun – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 365 acres, 90% contained.

Wildhorse Creek – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 111 acres, 50% contained.

Black Fox – OK, minimal behavior, timber, 165 acres, 75% contained.

Sandy – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 2,000 acres, 85% contained.

McKee Draw – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 4,400 acres, 85% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 10 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Eastern Area: PL1, increased containment on all 3 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO Team.

Alaska: PL1, 0 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Mukluk – AK Team 1 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber, 7,300 acres, 29% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 9 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Frijoles – SW Team 4, received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 15,400 acres, 59% contained.

Whiskey – Active behavior, timber and chaparral, 370 acres, 0% contained.

Mogote Ridge – Minimal behavior, timber, 112 acres, 60% contained.

Campwood – Minimal behavior, chaparral and timber, 1,200 acres, 90% contained.

Mount Emma – 250 acres.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- One more day of moderate significant to high-risk significant fire potential in the northwestern U.S. today before much improved conditions due to a Pacific storm as much cooler temperatures, higher RH, clouds, rain, and high-elevation snow move into the northwestern U.S. Wednesday and Thursday
- Breezy/dry southwesterly winds will continue ahead of the cold front for much of the Great Basin into Wyoming and eastern Montana Wednesday/Thursday, but areas of moderate to high-risk significant fire potential will be small due to antecedent precipitation for the eastern Great Basin and southern Wyoming
- Hot, dry, and locally breezy conditions will continue in the southern Plains and South Texas with moderate to high-risk significant fire potential, but potential will lower due to east Texas and the Lower Mississippi Valley due to rainfall and higher RH from Tropical Storm Edouard
- The monsoon will weaken in the Greater Four Corners this week, but drying will be slow with isolated showers and thunderstorms to continue, while Florida continues to see relief from daily showers and thunderstorms

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- 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/Arkansas
- 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



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Moderating fire danger throughout much of the West.

Drying resumes in parts of the Southeast.

Relentless heat elevated fire danger persists in the Southern Plains.

Meaningful precipitation coming to high activity or high potential areas. Likely to remain wetter than normal conditions into mid-September.

ERCs and other fire danger metrics are moderating to seasonal normal or even below normal levels across the West, with high confidence that it will persist into mid-September.

Significant fire potential for September has been expanded for western SA and FL and the W Great Lakes, removed NR and reduced parts of the NW and N GB.



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Resource Update (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	3
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		41	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	63	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	24		
HELO TYPE1	86		
HELO TYPE2	38		
HELO TYPE3	53	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	17	6	
T3 IMT		1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	72	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	136	0	
CREW TYPE 2	241	502	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	59	110	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	0	
RAPPELERS		122	
CATERERS	21	5	
SHOWERS	43	11	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	3
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	9
ENGINES	26
OVERHEAD	81 – SEC, TFLD, Base Camp Managers
PENDING	



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, foggy and chilly conditions. Mukluk returning to local unit today. CIMT will be available 9/7.

California – Jay Kurth

- LA County cooperator letters for 2 scoopers have been completed. Partners discussing ongoing MAFFS support capability.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, moderate IA, no critical needs. McConnell submitted positive feedback regarding international responders performing at high level continuously.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Light IA, will re-evaluate PL in the next couple of days.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Mark Goeller

- PL4, good progress made on all large fires, reviewing resources for release due to moderating weather. Drying trend expected. CIMT rationale submitted for Grasshopper, CIMT rationale for McCully will be submitted tomorrow.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, SEAT base will be closing in a couple of days, working on IHC glidepath. Comments sent back to Erica for FAST team.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- IAA platform being sent to SA. FL state CIMT assigned to Ross. OK T3 IMT ordered on severity. Increased orders for rotor-wings. Tropical Storm Edward will have very few positive impacts. No ESF4 activations at this time. ICAP prototype rolled out this morning, SA is live for CIMT nominations.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, light IA, PHX-Mesa ATB closed today.



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NMAC Agency Updates

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USFS – Russ Long

- No NIMO Teams available today, 1 available 9/8.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith – Mark Goeller

- States continue sharing resources with each other. ID moving T2 IA crew to TX. WA reiterated concerns with incoming moisture followed by drying trends and the resources needed for firing operations. SD has a module coming available, may go to TX.

NMAC Operations Report Out

ASTAR inspection requirements for USWFS and USFS aircraft doors for completion by 9/4.

Availability increases for SEATS and Scoopers.

Decrease in LAT flight time to 10th percentile.

All 5 MAFFS available today.

29 UMODs mobilized, both T1 in NW.

Active TFRs decreasing.

Continue to move crews between GAs based on need.

16 pending crew orders, 6 IHCs available today.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Andrea Lannen-Littlefield

NTR

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

NTR

Administration

PL – 5 (4.67)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Military

Maj Fort will take over representation from Maj West.

Ground forces LWD will be 9/6, mobilizing back to JBLM on 9/7.

International

Last working days will be 9/11 and 9/12.

Flights back home will be 9/14 and 9/15.

Crews

Craig IHC crew extension request for 7 days, followed by end of year date. -Support

Complex Incident Management Teams

Grasshopper replacement CIMT request DTN 9/4. Recommend NW filling internally. -Support

National Preparedness Level

Today: 163 active 209s, 87 IMSR large fires (definition has changed for 2026), 18 IMTs committed.

Military resources are demobilizing on 9/6.

International responders are demobilizing beginning 9/11.

There are no GACCs at PL5.

2+ GACCs have little to no activity.

The amount of uncontained fireline on large fires has drastically decreased over the last 10 days.

Recommend PL4 at 0730 on 9/2.

Remain at PL5. -Support

Release MAFFS at the end of the RFA, COB 9/9 to give them time to de-escalate. -Support

