

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 2, 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
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: LJ Brown	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Andrea Lannen-Littlefield	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☒ 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: Andrew Fort
☐ 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, Jeremy Sullens, Richard Parrish, Harold Riggs, Dave Williams, Steve Miller, Heath Cota, Mike Krupski, Ben Hornsby, Dave Underwood, Mike Henry, Jason Miller, Marcus Medina, Todd Tollefsrud, John Cervantes, Shaun Jensen, Jason Bruce, Eric Graff, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Shelby Law, Alex Melitsis, Gordy Sachs, Matt Holmstrom, Lindsey Lewis, Amber Sundeland, David Lee, Andrew Bailey, Julie Polutnik, Stanton Florea, Col Little, Perry Breitenstein, Scott Dehnisch, Sean Peterson

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 3 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

PL5, 68 new starts, 84 uncontained large fires, 16 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 5 MAFFS, 245 international responders, 240 military personnel, 365 crews, 1,205 engines, 20,345 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 10 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

S-1 Vya – CA Team 2, minimal behavior, timber, 9,600 acres, 69% contained.

Northwest: PL4, 5 new starts, 25 uncontained large fires, 9 CIMTs.

McCully – NW Team 3, extreme behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 13,400 acres, 4% contained.

Austin – GB Team 4, managing Grasshopper and The Narrows, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 12,600 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – SA Team 3 TOC NW Team 8 tomorrow, managing Hagen, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,600 acres, 22% contained.

Hagen – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 61,400 acres, 58% contained.

Sinlahekin – SW Team 3, active behavior, hardwood litter, evacuations, 166,300 acres, 38% contained.

Three Queens – NR Team 2, managing 4 other incidents, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, received precipitation, evacuations, 9,300 acres, 8% contained.

Thunder Creek – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 950 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 0 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Plaskett – CA Team 7, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 28,900 acres, 1% contained.

Timber – CA Team 3, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 25,200 acres, 22% contained.

Colorado – Cal Fire, heavy airtanker use, 250 acres, 0% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 2 new starts, 21 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dudley – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 785 acres, 78% contained.

Sand Creek – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 34,700 acres, 15% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 9 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Wagon – 697 acres, 100% contained.

Crooked – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,000 acres, 21% contained.

McConnell – GB Team 6, active behavior, light fuels, 32,800 acres, 46% contained.

Blue Eagle – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 9,200 acres, 72% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 18 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires.

Ross – Active behavior, light fuels, 89,950 acres, 31% contained.

Crumb Creek – Moderate behavior, litter and brush, 260 acres, 40% contained.

River Bluff – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 350 acres, 60% contained.

Wildhorse Creek – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 111 acres, 75% contained.

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



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Elk – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 7,200 acres, 73% contained.

Eastern Area: PL1, no updates to 3 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO Team.

Alaska: PL1, 1 uncontained large fire.

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

Mount Emma – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 360 acres, 0% contained.

4V – 100% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Alex Melitsis)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Winds increase across much of the west today, with widespread moderate rain and higher humidity moving into the Pacific northwest and western parts of the Northern Rockies, however drier, breezier wind will develop across eastern and central Montana into Wyoming, as well as gusty thunderstorms, bringing elevated conditions to those parts.
- Cooler conditions and higher humidity is expected to continue across northwestern U.S. for the remainder of the week
- Breezy/dry southwesterly winds will also continue across inland California into Nevada
- 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 in east Texas and the Lower Mississippi Valley due to the rainfall and higher RH from Tropical Storm Edouard

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- 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
- Scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue to bring relief along the northern Gulf Coast and Florida
- Much cooler temperatures, moderating RH, and scattered to widespread precipitation with high elevation snow will continue in the northwestern U.S. this weekend into early next week before a drier pattern emerges amid temperatures that are likely closer to normal
- There is considerable uncertainty this weekend into early next week with moisture from Marie interacting with the trough, with a 40% chance of narrow band of moderate to heavy precipitation in southern California, and increased moisture into the Southwest and Four Corners for more showers and thunderstorms
- A brief period of extreme heat is possible mid-next week for portions of the Southwest, especially New Mexico, before temperatures cool



National Strategic Analytics (Rick Stratton)

Assessed 52 fires in 6 GACCs.

Radar charts show the highest significant fire potential in NW, SA, SOPS, and NR.

Most of the country will have lower to little significant fire potential for the next 10 days.

NW continues to have the most active fire perimeter.

SA (Ross) is showing the greatest high suppression/high effectiveness for fireline in country best suited for heavy equipment and dozers.



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Resource Update (Andrea Lannen-Littlefield)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	3
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		41	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	63	0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	24		
HELO TYPE1	88	4	
HELO TYPE2	41		
HELO TYPE3	58	5	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	16	7	
T3 IMT		1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	67	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	133	0	
CREW TYPE 2	228	523	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	34	122	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		0	
RAPPELERS		132	
CATERERS	20	6	
SHOWERS	42	15	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	1
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	75 – HEQB, SEC, RADO
PENDING	



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

- Containment on Mukluk is 29%.

California – Jay Kurth

- CIMT replacement request submitted for Timber. SOPS working to rotate IHC transition through Timber and Plaskett.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- Bear Trap reporting 97% containment in MN.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, light IA, no critical needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- NTR

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Little Giant UAS clipped wing on tree and crashed. Working to downsize aviation fleet.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, dry, breezy conditions with elevated fire danger today. Maintaining drawdown.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Continue to watch impacts from Edward, areas with significant rainfall.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no critical needs.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – LJ Brown

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- Uptick in available state resources. FL state mobilizing short CIMT to Ross, TOC on Friday.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Right-sizing CWN rotor-wing fleet.

Moving platforms back to their home units.

Single-engine scooper orders filled for OK.

Tanker 911 will be inspected 9/8.

40 active TFRs, 17 in the NW.

Additional CWN IAA platform hired for TX and OK.

2 IHCs moved each to SOPS and GB.

28 T1 crews available in the next 10 days.

Cache coordinating with military deployment logistics groups for demobilization.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Andrea Lannen-Littlefield

CIFFC decreased to PL3 yesterday.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

N/A

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

NTR

Administration

PL – 5 (4.67)

GACC Priority: GB, NR, SA,

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Emergency demobilization for an individual yesterday.

Military

Ground forces on track to demobilize back to JBLM on 9/7.

MAFFS on track for 9/9 LWD.

Complex Incident Management Teams

McConnell will transfer to T3 or local unit.

Bobcat Lakes/Sand Creek CINT extension request for NR Team 1 for 4 days to downsize equipment resources and transition to T3. -Support

Timber CINT replacement request DTN 9/5. Recommend filling with SW off national rotation. -

Support

