

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 3, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Alex Melitsis	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Sean Peterson	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	Sean Peterson	Information
Strategic Analytics Report	Rick Stratton	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

☒ Chair: Chuck Russell	☒ Vice Chair: Greg Smith	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Chuck Russell	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Seth Grimm
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jim Prevette	☒ 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: 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: Ben Oakleaf
☒ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: LJ Brown, Hans Ohme, Jeremy Sullens, Karis Collet, Jason Miller, George Geissler, Dave Williams, Richard Parrish, Harold Riggs, Ben Hornsby, Col Little, Casey Cheesebrough, Shaun Jensen, Lindsey Lewis, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Jason Bruce, Trevor Pollock, Scott Dehnisch, Dave Underwood, Brant Porter, Andrea Lannen-Littlefield, Andy James, Andrew Bailey, John Cervantes, Matt Holmstrom, Perry Breitenstein, Amber Sunderland

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 4 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL5, 78 uncontained large fires, 17 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 5 MAFFS, 245 international responders, 240 military personnel, 356 crews, 1,043 engines, 19,102 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, 88% contained.

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

Northwest: PL4, 6 new starts, 24 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs.

Wrights Spring – NW Team 7 TOC local unit today, 55,100 acres, 95% contained.

McCully – NW Team 3, active behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, 13,400 acres, 6% contained.

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

Hagen – Moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 61,400 acres, 54% contained.

Austin – GB Team 4, managing Grasshopper and The Narrows, minimal behavior, timber and brush, received precipitation, 12,600 acres, 8% contained.

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

Little Giant – CA Team 5, NW Team 12 mobilizing, managing Sisi, moderate behavior, timber, received precipitation, evacuations, 170,700 acres, 65% contained.

Sisi – Moderate behavior, timber litter, received precipitation, 2,200 acres, 5% contained.

Sinlahekin – SW Team 3, active behavior, grass and timber, evacuations, 166,290 acres, 38% contained.

South Ops: PL3, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Plaskett – CA Team 7, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 29,600 acres, 1% contained.

Timber – CA Team 3, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 25,200 acres, 23% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 4 new starts, 20 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Pine Creek – Light fuels, 1,000 acres.

Ayers Pond – 500 acres.

Cora Creek – 500 acres.

Dudley – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 785 acres, 79% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – NR Team 1, managing 3 other incidents, minimal behavior, timber and brush, received precipitation, 10,800 acres, 61% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, decreasing to PL3 tomorrow, 25 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Crooked – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, light precipitation, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,700 acres, 25% contained.

McConnell – GB Team 6, active behavior, light fuels, 33,000 acres, 58% contained.

Calico – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 18,300 acres, 80% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 22 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires.



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Ross – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 90,000 acres, 38% contained.

Live Oak – Active behavior, light fuels, 500 acres, 30% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 6 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

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

Frijoles – SW Team 4, minimal behavior, timber, 15,400 acres, 62% contained.

Whiskey – Minimal behavior, timber, 393 acres, 19% contained.

Mount Emma – Light fuels, moderate behavior, 360 acres, 0% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Alex Melitsis)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Saturday)

- Hot, dry, breezy conditions continue across parts of Wyoming and eastern Montana into the northern High Plains today, bringing high-risk significant fire potential to the area – these conditions are expected to continue for several days
- Hot, dry, and locally breezy conditions will continue in the southern Plains and South Texas with moderate to high-risk significant fire potential today, and tomorrow to a lesser extent
- Breezy/dry southwesterly winds will also continue across inland California into Nevada
- Cooler conditions and higher humidity is expected to continue across northwestern U.S. for the remainder of the week

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Very hot temperatures are expected across the central and southern Plains into the Mid-Mississippi Valley this weekend through next week, with temperatures 100-105°F amidst RH 25-35% 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
- Cool temperatures, moderating RH, and scattered precipitation will continue on Sunday across the northwestern U.S. and the eastern Great Basin before a drier pattern begins to emerge bringing temperatures that are likely closer to normal or even above normal.
- Another trough moves into the west coast late next week possibly drawing additional moisture into the Great Basin and parts of the PacNW.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		8	1
AIR ATTACK		41	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	61	1	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	24	0	
HELO TYPE1	87		
HELO TYPE2	41	1	
HELO TYPE3	54	5	
LARGE TRANS			Flying international resources from BOI to CA next week
CIMT	16	8	
T3 IMT		0	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	60	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	134	0	
CREW TYPE 2	212	200	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	38	129	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		0	
RAPPELERS		148	
CATERERS	22	4	
SHOWERS	42	15	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	13
TANKER	2
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	11
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2, 5, 1
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	47 – SEC
PENDING	30 overhead, 3 T1 crews, 3 T2 crews



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- No critical needs.

California – Jay Kurth

- IAs have required aviation support.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Seth Grimm

- Light IA, EA CIMT available, NIMO Team last working day coming up.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL4, decreasing to PL3, prioritizing 4 large fires.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL2 tomorrow morning. No critical needs.

Northwest – Brian Ebert – Richard Parrish

- Receiving moisture. Olympic USWFS employee missing on days off, assisting with search and rescue.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- NTR

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Jim Prevette

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no issues or concerns.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

8 short-haul platforms available with 50 personnel. Monitoring extension needs.

3 rappel ships tentatively being released from NR tomorrow.

Scoopers will be mobilized to SA as they are released.

38 active TFRs.

UTFs for IAA and IR last night, mostly due to weather.

3 crews mobilizing to SOPS, 2 crews to NW today.

28 IHCs available over the next 5 days.

Crew Coordinators are tracking end of season dates.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL3, BC at PL3.

Australia beginning to see fire activity.

Safety – Tyler McCowan – Matt Holmstrom

NW ended with approximately 300+ IWIs after 44 days in PL5.

23 MVAs in the last week.

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

Local reporter request to interview LAT pilot, USWFS approved aviation contractor to work directly with the contractor.

Administration

PL – 5 (3.84)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

National Preparedness Level

PL4 at 0730 on 9/4. -Support

International

Engine team 5 moving from McConnell to Crooked, arduous crew will be moving tomorrow.
LWDs will be 9/11 and 9/12.

Military

Ground forces LWD 9/5.
MAFFS LWD 9/9.

Complex Incident Management Teams

McCully CIMT replacement request. Recommend NW filling from the national rotation. -
Support

CIMT rationale form is not required at PL4 when there is adequate CIMT availability.

All CIMT coordination and communication still required in a timely manner with the national
CIMT Coordinator for NMAC tracking.

CIMT extension request form must be submitted to NMAC for approval.

FAST Team

Visiting Rowe Creek Complex and local dispatch center.
Received invited for closeout next week, will present common themes.

Meeting Schedule

CIMT AAR Hold distributed for October 27/28. Will discuss official attendee list.
NMAC AAR Hold distributed for October 29. More detailed invite to come.

Meeting schedule at PL4 is generally Monday-Friday.

Recommend not meeting Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. -Support

