

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 8, 2026

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Shelby Law	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
Administration	Sean Peterson	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: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Paul Ludgren
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Dave Williams	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jim Prevette	☒ Rocky Mountain: Jason Miller	☒ 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: Kim Owczarzak
☒ 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: LJ Brown, Karis Collet, Russ Long, Ben Hornsby, Steve Miller, Harold Riggs, Jeremy Sullens, Col Little, Julie Polutnik, Shelby Law, David Lee, Mike Riker, Perry Breitenstein, Jason Bruce, John Cervantes, Heath Cota, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Eric Graff, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, James Johnson, Jon Holland, Kristin Kirschner, Maegan Maughan, Marcus Medina, Bryan Stamps

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 9 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL4, 89 new starts, 64 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs, 245 international responders, 5 MAFFS, 257 crews, 778 engines, 15,025 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 9 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Milepost 18 – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 7,600 acres, 98% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 16 new starts, 23 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, managing Sisi, received precipitation, moderate behavior, timber, 171,400 acres, 81% contained.

Sisi – Moderate behavior, timber, received precipitation, 2,700 acres, 11% contained.

Three Queens – NR Team 2 TOC NW Team 2, managing 3 other incidents, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 9,444 acres, 12% contained.

King – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 3,100 acres, 0% contained.

Goat – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 809 acres, 3% contained.

Sinlahekin – SW Team 3 TOC local unit tomorrow, received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 166,000 acres, 67% contained.

McCully – NW Team 3 TOC CA Team 1 today, minimal behavior, timber and grass, evacuations, received precipitation, 13,500 acres, 59% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 8, managing Hagen, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,600 acres, 28% contained.

Hagen – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 61,300 acres, 60% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – CA Team 4 TOC ODF Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 373,000 acres, 99% contained.

Austin – NW Team 10, managing Grasshopper and The Narrows, minimal behavior, brush and timber, evacuations, received precipitation, 12,600 acres, 22% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 7 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Plaskett – CA Team 7, moderate behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 29,800 acres, 47% contained.

Timber – SW Team 1, active behavior, grass and timber, 25,380 acres, 27% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, 5 new starts, 16 uncontained large fires.

Sand Creek – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, received precipitation, 35,509 acres, 36% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 10,890 acres, 61% contained.

Moose – Minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 6,000 acres, 15% contained.

Nature Grove – Minimal behavior, timber, 1,400 acres, 0% contained.

Moose Mountain – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 5,800 acres, 25% contained.

Silver – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 2,500 acres, 30% contained.

Rattlesnake Complex – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 15,500 acres, 97% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 10 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Crooked – GB Team 3, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 10,100 acres, 60% contained.

Doublesprings – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 1,770 acres, 50% contained.

McConnell – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 33,240 acres, 83% contained.



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Slough Canyon – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 4,774 acres, 63% contained.

Tom Creek – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 4,991 acres, 95% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, light IA, 27 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Ross – Moderate behavior, FL State Team 1, moderate behavior, light fuels, 90,400 acres, 57% contained.

Follow – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 400 acres, 50% contained.

Red Gate – Active behavior, light fuels, 500 acres, 70% contained.

Half Section – 500 acres, 45% contained.

Lost Creek – Minimal behavior, grass, 450 acres, 90% contained.

Streamsong – Active behavior, southern rough, 300 acres, 75% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 12 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Moonshine – Light fuels and timber, 300 acres.

Lookout – SD, brush and timber, 450 acres.

Needles – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 6,000 acres, 45% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 3 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Frijoles – SW Team 4 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, 15,400 acres, 79% contained.

Whiskey – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 393 acres, 42% contained.

Mount Emma - 100% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Shelby Law)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Thursday)

- Hot, dry, and locally breezy conditions will continue across northern Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and northern Mississippi resulting in moderate to high-risk significant fire potential through Wednesday.
- Conditions moderate slightly on Thursday across the southern Plains as a front brings somewhat cooler temperatures and a chance of showers to northern Texas and Oklahoma.
- Dry, breezy conditions continue across parts of Wyoming and southeastern Montana through midweek, bringing increased significant fire potential to the area, with wind gusts up to 50 mph moving in on Thursday.
- A warmer and drier airmass will begin to build back into the western U.S. over the next few days with high temperatures reaching above normal along the west coast by Wednesday.
- Overall westerly winds increase across much of the west on Thursday pushing fire potential into the low-risk category for much of California and the inland northwest.
- Hurricane Lowell will pull away from the Hawaiian Islands over the coming days but precipitation will remain high over the Big Island today.

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- Hot temperatures are expected to continue across the central and southern Plains into the Mid-Mississippi Valley this weekend into mid-next week, with temperatures near 100-105°F amid RH 20-30% and breezy conditions at times in the southern Plains, especially Oklahoma into north/central Texas
- Breezy/dry for the Great Basin into the central Rockies Friday/Saturday, with very strong winds gusting to 60 mph possible for the Sierra Front into northwest Nevada Saturday, with periods of breezy conditions returning again mid-next week
- Another trough drops into the Northwest late Friday through the weekend with scattered precipitation for Washington and another round of widespread wetting precipitation for the Northern Rockies
- Most of California and the Great Basin will remain dry but an increase in showers and thunderstorms is expected in most of the Southwest and Colorado



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

One active Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory.

Increased fire danger continues across the southern Plains.

Thousand-hour fuel moisture will begin to dry out again.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		30	4
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		7	1
AIR ATTACK		35	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	55	7	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	18		
HELO TYPE1	67	15	
HELO TYPE2	32	9	
HELO TYPE3	46	9	
LARGE TRANS			Demob flights for international responders on 9/14 and 9/15.
CIMT	15	9	
T3 IMT			
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	60	4	
CREW TYPE 2IA	106	8	
CREW TYPE 2	141	200	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	0	147	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS			
SHOWERS	39	18	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	1
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	59
UAS	1
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	1 camp crew, 1 IHC
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	126 – TFLD, SEC
PENDING	10 overhead, 2 T2 crews, 1 T2IA crew



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- NTR

California – Jay Kurth

- PL3 in both GAs. Above drawdown for crews for the first time in a while.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, light IA, prioritizing 2 large fires.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL2, no needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Light IA, 1 incident focused on suppression repair.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- Light IA.

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Jim Prevette

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, light IA.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

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USFS – Russ Long – Hans Ohme

- 1 NIMO available 9/9.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu – Sean Peterson

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- WY and SD have continued activity. ODF Team 1 inbriefing today, TOC on 9/10.

NMAC Operations Report Out

Moving 1 short-haul from NR to SOPS.

Moving rappel resources from NR and NW to California today.

MAFFS wrapping up in both locations, will be finished for the year end of shift 9/9.

CWN T1 UAS done for the season.

28 active TFRs, POTUS TFR in place for Dallas.

6 pending crew orders with 12 T1 crews available today.

Finalizing IHC end of season dates.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

PL3

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

N/A



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Administration

PL – 4 (3.29)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Finalizing demob planning.

Debrief and closeout dinners will be held 9/13 and 9/14.

Military

Maj Fort's last day on ground will be 9/9.

MAFFS last day will be 9/9.

Preparedness Level

Tracker sitting at 3.29.

Recommend decreasing to PL3 this week.

Decrease to PL3 at 0730 on 9/9. -Support

Suppression Repair

All language in the suppression repair focus memo is outlined in the NISRM.

Memo will not be rescinded, but as PL and activity decreases suppression repair may be completed.

CIM AAR

Representative names are due on 9/9.

NMAC Associate Members are invited.

Meeting Schedule

Update to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

