

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 9, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	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: Brian Achziger	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ 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: Harold Riggs
☐ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Crews: Josh Acosta	☒ NMAC Operations: Erica Lamb	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☒ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☒ External Affairs: James Johnson	☒ 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: Hans Ohme, Ben Hornsby, LJ Brown, Jeremy Sullens, Penny States, David Lee, Col Little, Heath Cota, Beau Dobberstein, Mike Riker, Julie Polutnik, Megan Heffentrager, Shaun Jensen, Perry Breitenstein, Eric Graff, Ben Gannon, Matt Holmstrom, Andrew Bailey, Marcus Medina, Jason Bruce, Dave Underwood

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 11 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL3, 61 new starts, 59 uncontained large fires, 14 CIMTs, 245 international responders, 5 MAFFS, 254 crews, 700 engines, 72 helicopters, 14,405 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 8 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Milepost 18 – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 7,599 acres, 98% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 6 new starts, 22 uncontained large fires, 9 CIMTs.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, managing Sisi, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 172,100 acres, 81% contained.

Sisi – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 2,700 acres, 11% contained.

Three Queens – NR Team 2 TOC NW Team 2 today, managing King and Goat, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 9,500 acres, 13% contained.

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

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

McCully – CA Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, 13,545 acres, 59% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – CA Team 4 TOC ODF Team 1 today, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 373,900 acres, 99% contained.

Austin – NW Team 10, managing The Narrows and Grasshopper, minimal behavior, brush and timber, evacuations, 12,722 acres, 22% contained.

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

Plaskett – CA Team 7, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 29,800 acres, 61% contained.

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

Northern Rockies: PL2, 1 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires.

Bobcat Lakes – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 10,800 acres, 66% contained

Porcupine – 177 acres, 100% contained.

Rattlesnake Complex – 15,580 acres, 100% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 2 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Crooked – GB Team 3, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 10,084 acres, 68% contained.

McConnell – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 33,200 acres, 83% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 14 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Meers – Light fuels and timber, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Ross – FL State Team 1, moderate behavior, light fuels, 90,000 acres, 57% contained.

Kirk – Light fuels, active behavior, 1,500 acres, 5% contained.

Half Section – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 695 acres, 80% contained.

Unit 12 Middle – Southern rough, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 19 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires.

Lookout – Timber and grass, moderate behavior, evacuations, 444 acres, 0% contained.



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Moonshine – Active behavior, timber and brush, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Needles – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 6,000 acres, 60% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 11 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CMT.

Frijoles – SW Team 4 TOC local unit yesterday, minimal behavior, timber, 15,500 acres, 79% contained.

Sunset – 145 acres, 100% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Hot, dry, and locally breezy conditions will continue across northern Texas, Oklahoma, southern Missouri, Arkansas, and northern Mississippi today, but some relief is expected from Oklahoma into Arkansas and Missouri Thursday into Friday as a cold front brings scattered wetting rain
- Dry, breezy conditions continue across parts of Wyoming and southeastern Montana through Friday, bringing increased significant fire potential to the area, with wind gusts up to 50 mph Thursday for areas of high-risk
- A warmer and drier airmass will begin to build back into the western U.S. over the late this week with high temperatures above normal slowly increasing potential, but it is likely to remain low to very low overall
- Isolated showers and thunderstorms continue in eastern Arizona to New Mexico today but may briefly end tomorrow into Friday

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Hot, dry, and breezy conditions will return to the southern Plains this weekend into early next week, as temperatures rise to 100-105°F amid RH 15-30% with moderate to high-risk significant fire potential expected
- Breezy/dry for the Great Basin into the central Rockies Saturday, with very strong winds gusting to 60 mph possible for the Sierra Front into northwest Nevada Saturday creating high-risk significant fire potential before winds ease early next week for lower potential
- Behind the cold front in the Northwest to Northern Rockies, much cooler temperatures and wetting rain is expected, with the heaviest rainfall expected across Montana, and snow levels may briefly lower as low as 6,500 feet
- 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 this weekend through mid-next week



National Strategic Analytics (Rick Stratton)

Fires in heavy organic fuels have the potential to maintain even after the received precipitation. Continue to make progress on many of the large fires in the West.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		31	3
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		7	1
AIR ATTACK		35	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	55	7	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	18	2	
HELO TYPE1	64	18	
HELO TYPE2	32	9	
HELO TYPE3	47	10	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	14	7	
T3 IMT			
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	59	3	
CREW TYPE 2IA	101	11	
CREW TYPE 2	132	200	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	0	130	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	16	10	
SHOWERS	39	18	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	2
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	13
PENDING	21 overhead, 1 engine



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- No needs

California – Jay Kurth

- NTR

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- No needs

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL3, light IA, no needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- No needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Minimal IA, continuing with line construction where able. Paradise will go back to the local unit after this team. FEMA mission assignment for WA fires for BAER support.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Jason Miller

- Receiving needed support, no further needs. Reaching end of season dates for some IHCs.

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Jim Prevette

- No needs

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- No needs or concerns. Monitoring resource end of season dates.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- NTR

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

Moving resources into areas with continued need.

Several requests expected for scoopers from SA.

IAA platforms moving from NW to SA.

NIROPS will decrease to 2 aircraft in the next couple of weeks.

MAFFS will demobilize at end of shift today.

21 UMODs out, T1 EU timing out next Wednesday.

10 IHCs available today, no current orders.

Coordinating last work days with AK crews.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL3, last 200 international responders in BC are demobilizing in the next couple of days.

Safety – Matt Holmstrom

Several FLA SAI Teams out gathering information and finalizing reports.
As moisture continues, slips, trips, and falls become more prominent.

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

NTR

Administration

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Prepping for the demobilization of international responders.

Military

Last working day for the MAFFS today.

