

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 11, 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	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: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Steve Goldman
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Dave Williams	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☐ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ 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: Brian West
☒ 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, LJ Brown, Jeremy Sullens, Alex Melitsis, Julie Polutnik, Ben Hornsby, Karis Collet, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Mark Hilton, Kristin Kirschner, Andrew Bailey, Heath Cota, Ben Gannon, Mike Henry, Maegan Maughan, Marcus Medina, Trevor Pollock, Penny States, Dave Underwood

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 14 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL3, 74 new starts, 58 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs, 242 international responders, 231 crews, 6541 engines, 72 helicopters, 13,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 8 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Lucas – Cal Fire, brush and grass, extreme behavior, evacuations, 1,100 acres, 5% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 1 new starts, 21 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs.

Three Queens – NW Team 2, managing Goat and King, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 9,500 acres, 14% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, managing Sisi, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 172,600 acres, 81% contained.

Sisi – Active behavior, timber and brush, 3,000 acres, 11% contained.

Sinlahekin – SW Team 3 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, grass and timber, 166,000 acres, 76% contained.

Sky Rocket – Ag fields, evacuations, 1,000 acres.

Paradise – NW Team 8, managing Hagen, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,600 acres, 63% contained.

McCully – CA Team 1, minimal behavior, timber and grass, 13,500 acres, 61% contained.

Austin – NW Team 10, managing The Narrows and Grasshopper, minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 12,800 acres, 36% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 13 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Plaskett – CA Team 7, minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 30,000 acres, 79% contained.

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

Northern Rockies: PL2, 6 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires.

Beaver Creek – Moderate behavior, timber, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Cottonwood Creek – <500 acres.

Eagle Springs – <500 acres.

Great Basin: PL2, 3 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Horseshoe – Timber, 100-200 acres.

Crooked – GB Team 3, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 10,000 acres, 88% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 7 uncontained large fires.

Ross – FL State Team 1, moderate behavior, light fuels, 90,400 acres, 76% contained.

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

Moonshine – Active behavior, timber and brush, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Lookout – Minimal behavior, timber and grass, 440 acres, 71% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 10 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Whiskey – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 430 acres, 42% contained.

Frijoles – Minimal behavior, timber, 15,500 acres, 79% contained.



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Predictive Services Update National Fire Weather Update (Alex Melitsis)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- Dry and breezy conditions develop across the Sierra Front into the northern Great Basin, Wyoming, and northern High Plains today, bringing high-risk significant fire potential to those parts
- Conditions will worsen over the weekend, particularly Saturday, as winds increase
- High temperatures maintain across the southern Plains, with breezy winds developing on Sunday, bringing high-risk significant fire potential to northern Texas

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Hot, dry, and breezy conditions will remain to the southern Plains into next week, as temperatures rise to 100-105°F amid RH 15-30% with moderate to high-risk significant fire potential expected
- Winds ease and temperatures lower across the intermountain west early next week bringing reduced significant fire potential to the area, however dry and breezy winds continue over parts of Wyoming and the northern High Plains, maintaining the risk through there for the period
- Temperatures are expected to briefly build across the west later next week, bringing a warm and dry conditions to much of the west for next weekend into the following week
- For the coming week, dry conditions are expected across most of the California into much of the west and north Great Basin, as well as southwestern Wyoming.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		24	2
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		34	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	55	7	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	18	2	
HELO TYPE1	66	19	
HELO TYPE2	29	9	
HELO TYPE3	47	11	
LARGE TRANS			Planned demob flight for international responders on 9/14.
CIMT	14	11	
T3 IMT			
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	59	5	
CREW TYPE 2IA	101	12	
CREW TYPE 2	117	200+	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	4	118	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	17	9	
SHOWERS	37	18	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	8 (preposition)
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	2
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	41
PENDING	14 overhead, 1 T3 helicopter



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

- NTR

California – Jay Kurth

- Preparing for wind event in NOPS over the weekend, expecting elevated potential.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Steve Goldman

- FDNY will be available 9/13.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL2, light IA, no needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL2, no needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- All current large fires continue with suppression and repair work. Appreciate the international responder support. Fatality from Austin incident, checked in with international responders regarding CISM support. Sky Rocket forward progress has been stopped.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, no needs or concerns.

Southern Area – Jason Demas – Ben Hornsby

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Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- No issues or concerns.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Brian Achziger

- USWFS personnel hiking on personal time has been missing for over a week, search and rescue efforts are being scaled back.

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Traveling to DC next week.

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

Replacing CWN helicopters with EU as able.

16 rappel platforms on today with 130 rappellers.

18 UMODs committed, both T1s have been demobilized and released.

22 active TFRs, 4 ASCOs out.

Losing 3 smokejumper planes in the next couple of days.

Assigned 5 crews to CA yesterday.

4 IHCs moving from SOPS to NOPS today.

5 pending IHC orders with 15 available today.

Coordinating end of season days with all crews.

SA crews beginning to time out, including Jackson, Cherokee and Augusta after their current assignments.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL3, looking to decrease to PL2.

BC is at PL2.

Public Affairs

NTR



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Administration

PL – 3

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International

Beginning to demobilize international responders today.

Closeouts and dinners on 9/13 and 9/14.

Airtankers

Released several CWN airtankers.

Seeing some UTFs in SOPS.

Have not UTFd an airtanker on a fire request in over a week.

Flight time is 7-35th percentile over the last 7 days.

7 LATs and 1 VLAT located in CA along with additional Cal Fire resources.

CA is not requesting to augment the aviation fleet at this time, aiming to show where the aircraft are sitting through paperwork.

SW will continue to hold their ATB open.

CIM AAR

Email will be sent to the group regarding what information is still missing for the CIM AAR.

Please include email addresses.

Formal invite will be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

Distribution List

Revisit 9/18.

