

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 14, 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	Sean Peterson	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: Paul Ludgren
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Dave Williams	☒ 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: 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: LJ Brown, Alex Melitsis, Karis Collet, Harold Riggs, John Cervantes, Beau Dobberstein, Shaun Jensen, Perry Breitenstein, Mike Riker, Jason Bruce, Ben Gannon, Eric Graff, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, John McKee, Trevor Pollock, Brant Porter, Ben Sanders, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Mike Theune

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 16 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL3, 71 new starts, 57 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs, 229 crews, 724 engines, 71 helicopters, 13,102 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 11 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Lucas – Cal Fire, active behavior, light fuels, 4,100 acres, 30% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 0 new starts, 20 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs.

Austin – NW Team 10, managing The Narrows and Grasshopper, minimal behavior, brush and timber, received precipitation, evacuations, 12,800 acres, 60% contained.

The Narrows – Minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 304 acres, 89% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 2, managing other incidents, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, received precipitation, 9,500 acres, 20% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, managing Sisi, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 172,695 acres, 81% contained.

Sisi – Minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 3,100 acres, 5% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 8, managing Hagen, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,600 acres, 49% contained.

Hagen – NW team 7 mobilizing, minimal behavior, timber and grass, 61,300 acres, 82% contained.

McCully – CA Team 1, received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber and grass, 13,600 acres, 81% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 14 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Timber – SW Team 1, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 25,400 acres, 39% contained.

Plaskett – CA Team 7, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, evacuations, 29,900 acres, 89% contained.

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

Sand Creek – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 35,500 acres, 58% contained.

Bobcat Lakes – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 10,886 acres, 72% contained.

Moose – Minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 6,000 acres, 70% contained.

Great Basin: PL2, 17 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Crooked – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 10,000 acres, 93% contained.

Doublesprings – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 1,779 acres, 60% contained.

McConnell – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 33,500 acres, 91% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, light IA, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Gracemont – Extreme behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Benson – Light fuels, active behavior, 1,400 acres, 75% contained.

Ross – FL State Team 1, moderate behavior, light fuels, 90,400 acres, 88% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 8 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Moonshine – Active behavior, timber, evacuations, 7,200 acres, 46% contained.



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Swiss Roll – Moderate behavior, timber, received precipitation, 777 acres, 0% contained.
Lookout – 100% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 3 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Monument – Light fuels, minimal behavior, 350 acres, 0% contained.

Whiskey – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, 459 acres, 42% contained.

Frijoles – Minimal behavior, timber, 15,900 acres, 79% contained.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Alex Melitsis)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Wednesday)

- Hot, dry, and breezy conditions will continue for the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley, bringing moderate significant fire potential across across the area and high-risk conditions across Texas
- Dry and breezy winds maintain moderate risk across Wyoming into the northern High Plains, as well as parts of northern California, however low to little risk continues for the remainder of the west due to temperatures below to near normal and lighter winds
- Moderate east to northeasterly winds develop across the Pacific Northwest on Wednesday, bringing a few days of above usual temperatures to area west of the Cascades

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Hot, dry, and locally breezy conditions will continue for southern Plains late this week, while RH will begin to increase for the southern High Plains
- Scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue most days in the Greater Four Corners into early next week while spreading into the southern High Plains by early next week with some relief there
- A tropical wave will bring continued precipitation to Florida, with a wetter trend in the Southeast beginning this weekend after a very dry week
- Locally breezy/dry conditions late this week in the Great Basin, with temperatures likely to trend a few degrees above average for most of the West this weekend into early next week amid mostly dry conditions



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	2
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		34	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	55	7	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	16	4	
HELO TYPE1	66	19	
HELO TYPE2	26	14	
HELO TYPE3	45	16	
LARGE TRANS			Demobilizing international responders to San Francisco today
CIMT	10	8	
T3 IMT		3	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	51	10	
CREW TYPE 2IA	85	16	
CREW TYPE 2	85	200+	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	16	112	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	15	10	
SHOWERS	34	22	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	1
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	18 (weather)
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	42 – dispatch
PENDING	19



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- NTR

California – Jay Kurth

- N/A

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL2, light IA. Last IC call on 9/13, GMAC AAR today.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- PL2, no needs or concerns.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Continued success on large incidents. 2 replacement CIMT requests this week for Little Giant and Grasshopper. McCully TOC local unit tomorrow. WFMOD employee was found deceased.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, no needs or concerns. GB SMKJ contingent will return to Boise next week.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- PL3, air assets remain critical for IA success.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL2, no issues or concerns. ABQ ATB will remain open for the foreseeable future.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- N/A

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

Good coverage on aerial-delivered
115 rappellers available.
Filling orders for TX for Lead/ASM.
Releasing 2 CWN scoopers today.
Down to 2-3 UMODs committed by the end of the week.
1,704 TFRs YTD.
Crews moved to SA.
23 T1 crews available today.
AK and SA crews working on glidepath for end of season.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

All international resources in Canada have been released.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

NTR

Administration

PL – 3

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Crews

37 IHCs available over the next 5 days.

White Mountain times out on 9/15, will demobilize home.

Chena times out 9/22, will demobilize home.

Midnight Suns (available 9/19) drop dead date of 10/1 and Pioneer Peak (available 9/16) drop dead date of 9/27 will be released home based on crew availability. -Support

Recommend crews not be extended based on crew availability. -Support

CIM AAR

Attendance is in person only.

Awaiting final AA representative information.

Boise meeting space should be confirmed this week.

