

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 16, 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: 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: Rebecca Paterson	☐ 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, Grant Beebe, Megan Kephart, Perry Breitenstein, Mike Riker, Jeremy Sullens, Jacon Bruce, John Cervantes, Jonathan Chriest, Karis Collet, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mark Hilton, Shaun Jensen, Marcus Medina, Steve Miller, Harold Riggs, Ben Sanders, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Brant Porter

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 18 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL3, 60 new starts, 61 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs, 193 crews, 65 helicopters, 11,510 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 6 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Lucas – Minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 4,100 acres, 46% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 2 new starts, 17 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs.

Austin – NW Team 10, managing The Narrows and Grasshopper, minimal behavior, brush and timber, evacuations, received precipitation, 12,844 acres, 77% contained.

The Narrows – Minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 305 acres, 98% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 2, managing King and Goat, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 9,555 acres, 20% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 12 TOC NW Team 13 tomorrow, managing Sisi, minimal behavior, received precipitation, timber and brush, 172,705 acres, 81% contained.

Sinlahekin – WA DNR, minimal behavior, received precipitation, timber, 166,000 acres, 81% contained.

Hagen – NW Team 7, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 61,380 acres, 87% contained.

Paradise – NW Team 8 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 9,600 acres, 86% contained.

McCully – Minimal behavior, timber and grass, received precipitation, 13,600 acres, 91% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 12 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Dome – Yosemite NP, CA Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Timber – SW Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels, 25,400 acres, 44% contained.

Plaskett – CA Team 7 TOC CA Team 6 tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 30,000 acres, 89% contained.

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

Davis Coulee – Light fuels, moderate behavior, evacuations, 15,500 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL2, 11 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Crooked – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 10,000 acres, 95% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 12 new starts, 15 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Bunker – Extreme behavior, southern rough and timber, evacuations, 2,800 acres, 35% contained.

Hydra – Light fuels, extreme behavior, 1,100 acres, 25% contained.

Dry River – Grass, extreme behavior, 5,500 acres, 25% contained.

Clark Fork – Light fuels, 500 acres, 25% contained.

Bundy – Light fuels, active behavior, 450 acres, 75% contained.

Ross – FL State Team 1 TOC local unit tomorrow, moderate behavior, light fuels, 90,400 acres, 93% contained.

Lobo – Light fuels, 650 acres, 60% contained.



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Upton 3 – Light fuels, active behavior, 400 acres, 90% contained.
Gracemont – Active behavior, timber, 2,300 acres, 0% contained.
Atoka Lake – Moderate behavior, litter and grass, 730 acres, 50% contained.
Tram Trail – Active behavior, timber, 660 acres, 30% contained.
Black Kettle – Moderate behavior, grass and timber, 1,500 acres, 50% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 8 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.
Moonshine – Moderate behavior, timber, received precipitation, 7,300 acres, 51% contained.

Southwest: PL2, discussing PL1 today, received precipitation on most fires.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

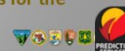
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Hot, dry, and locally breezy conditions will continue for the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley, bringing moderate significant fire potential across the area, with high-risk conditions across central Texas and western Oklahoma today, then for the ArkLaTex to the Lower Mississippi River Friday
- Dry and breezy winds are expected today and tomorrow across portions of Nevada with areas of elevated conditions but significant fire potential is expected to be low overall
- Widespread moderate to heavy rain for the Four Corners and Southwest today, with areas of flooding expected with local amounts of 3+” possible
- Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms for northern California and Oregon today then into Idaho and the northern Rockies tomorrow into Friday, but fire potential will remain low to very low due to higher RH and areas of wetting rain
- Drying continues in the Southeast late this week, with a potential increase in IA due to minimum RH of 25-35% but winds remain light

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Very dry conditions with above normal temperatures will continue across the Lower Mississippi Valley, though temperatures will slowly cool as the ridge of high pressure weakens
- Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop daily from the Four Corners to the High Plains
- Cooler temperatures are expected early to mid-next week for the Northwest, but with warming temperatures for the northern Rockies, and most of these areas will remain dry



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and fire danger across most of the west has moderated to seasonal normal levels or below.

CA and portions of the NW will heat up and dry out again.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		23	3
VLAT		2	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	55	7	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	16	4	
HELO TYPE1	54	27	
HELO TYPE2	26	14	
HELO TYPE3	39	17	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	11	11	
T3 IMT		3	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	50	10	
CREW TYPE 2IA	75	33	
CREW TYPE 2	77	200+	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	0	99	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS		75	
CATERERS	16	9	
SHOWERS	33	24	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	8
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	8
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	2 strike teams of T6
OVERHEAD	18
PENDING	1 overhead, 1 T2 crews, dozers, water tenders



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- NTR

California – Jay Kurth

- Dome assigned CA Team 3, not anticipating any critical resource shortages.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- NTR

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL2, no needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- NTR

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Three Queens TOC to T3 after the current CIMT times out.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2. Swiss Roll is 700 acres, anticipating ½ inch of rain in the next 24-48 hours.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Appreciate fixed-wing support. Opening MRB tanker base in Fayetteville, AR within the next week.

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- Supporting other GAs as able.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

- NTR

USFS – Russ Long

- RX requests are increasing from the GAs and being approved by the Deputy Director.

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- N/A

NASF – Greg Smith

- AR appreciates all support on Bunker.

NMAC Operations Report Out

8 short-haul aircraft available, 1 is currently on a day-to-day extension.

Working with GAs for appropriate rappel staffing.

Fixed wing aircraft providing heavy support to SA.

Large shift of UAS to support RX.

IAA seeing continued heavy usage in SA.

1 IHC assigned to SA, 3 assigned to Dome.

3 internal IHC fills to Dome.

26 IHCs available today, 44 available in the next 5 days.



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Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL2.

INLOs have demobilized from NIFC.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

Administration

PL – 3 (3.29)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Organized T3 ICs

Request Associate members send T3 IC contact information to John Foley to set up a call.

Greg sent an email to all states requesting they submit information and feedback to the identified CIM AAR attendees.

