

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 18, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Sean Peterson	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jonathan Chriest	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 Update	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: 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: Corey Buhl	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☐ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ 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, Jeremy Sullens, Megan Kephart, Karis Collet, Ben Sanders, John Goss, Dave Williams, Harold Riggs, Mike Riker, Jonathan Chriest, Mike Theune, Bryan Stamps, Ali Reiner, Penny States, Ben Gannon, Lindsey Lewis, Shaun Jensen, Mark Hilton, Beau Dobberstein, Heath Cota, Megan Heffentrager, Brant Porter, Marcus Medina

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 21 September 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL3, 139 new starts since Wednesday, 50 uncontained large fires, 9 CIMTs, 229 crews, 625 engines, 70 helicopters, 12,315 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 12 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Floriston – Cal Fire, moderate behavior, timber and chaparral, 640 acres, 15% contained.

Lucas – Cal Fire, minimal behavior, light fuels, 4,100 acres, 75% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 2 new starts, 15 uncontained large fires, 6 CIMTs.

Austin – NW Team 10 TOC CA Team 2 tomorrow, managing Grasshopper and The Narrows, minimal behavior, grass and timber, 12,866 acres, 98% contained.

Three Queens – NW Team 2, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, evacuations, 9,500 acres, 23% contained.

Little Giant – NW Team 13, managing Sisi, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 172,800 acres, 81% contained.

Sisi – Active behavior, timber, 3,700 acres, 15% contained.

Sinlahekin – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 166,000 acres, 84% contained.

Hagen – NW Team 7, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 61,300 acres, 87% contained.

Rowe Creek Complex – ODF Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, received precipitation, 373,927 acres, 99% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 6 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Dome – CA Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber and brush, 2,000 acres, 10% contained.

Timber – SW Team 1, minimal behavior, grass and timber, 25,400 acres, 59% contained.

Plaskett – CA Team 6, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 29,993 acres, 97% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, 5 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires.

Davis Coulee – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 15,470 acres, 50% contained.

Great Basin: PL2, 8 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Crooked – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 10,000 acres, 98% contained.

Doublesprings – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 1,779 acres, 70% contained.

Southern Area: PL3, 19 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires.

Breezy – Light fuels, active behavior, 500 acres, 75% contained.

Clark – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 1,500 acres, 35% contained.

Dry River – Active behavior, grass, 8,900 acres, 40% contained.

Hydra – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 930 acres, 35% contained.

Gracemont – Active behavior, light fuels, 2,665 acres, 30% contained.

Bunker – Active behavior, southern rough and timber, 2,800 acres, 75% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 1 new start, 5 uncontained large fires.

Moonshine – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, received precipitation, 7,300 acres, 51% contained.

Swiss Roll – Minimal behavior, timber, 775 acres, 0% contained.



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Southwest: PL1, no new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Predictive Services Update National Fire Weather Update (Jonathan Chriest)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Sunday)

- Hot, dry, and locally breezy conditions will continue for the southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley, bringing high-risk conditions across the Lower Mississippi River today and across a broader footprint spreading into Oklahoma and northeast Texas on Saturday
- Dry and breezy winds are expected today across portions of Nevada and southern Idaho with areas of elevated conditions, but significant fire potential is expected to be low overall
- Areas of moderate to heavy rain again today for New Mexico with Flood Watches in effect
- Showers and thunderstorms with areas of heavy rain are expected today along the Colorado Rockies extending northeast into the High Plains, and for eastern Idaho and western Wyoming
- Winds will be mainly light across the Pacific Northwest through Sunday, though breezier conditions will develop Saturday and Sunday in the lee of the Rockies and Sierras
- Drying continues in the Southeast, with a potential increase in IA due to minimum RH of 25-35% but winds remain light

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Mostly dry conditions expected to persist in east Texas to the Lower Mississippi Valley, with a period of dry/breezy north winds possible late next week which could elevate significant fire potential to high-risk
- Heavy rain and areas of flooding to continue in New Mexico into late next week, with relief continuing into the southern High Plains
- Temperatures in the West to average near to slightly above normal, with precipitation likely to be light in the Four Corners and Northwest, if any falls at all



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		22	
VLAT		2	
SCOOPER		7	1
AIR ATTACK		30	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	44	15	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	16	4	
HELO TYPE1	58	32	
HELO TYPE2	30	15	
HELO TYPE3	39	21	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	8	10	
T3 IMT		3	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	46	21	
CREW TYPE 2IA	75	36	
CREW TYPE 2	74	200+	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	10	73	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS		100	
CATERERS	8	10	
SHOWERS	30	29	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	4
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	
ENGINES	2 strike teams
OVERHEAD	22
PENDING	5 overhead, 1 T3 helicopter



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, no needs or concerns.

California – Jay Kurth – John Goss

- PL3 continues, light IA. Florston has T3 IMT, not expecting increased complexity. CIMT inbriefed on Dome yesterday, not expecting long-duration, in the wilderness. CA Team 6 will absorb Timber and Plaskett on 9/20.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren

- EA working to support SA states collectively.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL2, light IA, no needs.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- PL1 tomorrow morning.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

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Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda – Ben Sanders

- NTR

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Anticipating busy weekend. Targeting Fayetteville, AR ATB open on Sunday for LATs only. Anticipating Clean in TX open for VLATs on Monday.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL1, no issues or concerns. Determining longevity of ABQ ATB next week.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell

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USFS – Russ Long – Hans Ohme

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USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

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NASF – Greg Smith

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NMAC Operations Report Out

Looking at releasing large trans on Monday.

Working on CWN to EU rotor-wing swaps.

Working to fill an UAS for SA.

12 UMODs out today, increase in folks supporting RX.

End of season for several jump platforms.

Filled 3 crew orders yesterday, no pending crew orders this morning.

44 IHCs available over the next 5 days.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC dropping to PL1 on Monday.

Safety – Tyler McCowan

N/A

Public Affairs

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Administration

PL – 3 (3.12)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

ICAP

500 total applications so far, vast majority are for SA.

Building the ability to select and unselect applicants from the background rather than having to bounce in and out of their profiles.

EA application period beginning October 1.

Jesse is working with GAs to submit names for managing their application process.

Plan to have the link out to all GAs in a week.

Only challenge thus far has been people not knowing their home unit identifier.

