

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 30, 2026

1100 - 1130

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Megan Kephart	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	Information
National Resource Overview & Assessment	Megan Kephart	Information
Geographic Area Associate Member Update	NMAC Associate Members	Information
Agency Updates	NMAC Primary Members	Information
NMAC Operations Report Out	Megan Kephart	Information
International	Megan Kephart	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	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: Mark Goeller	☒ NICC: Megan Kephart	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: John Goss	☒ Eastern Area: Steven Goldman
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Corey Buhl	☒ 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: Megan Kephart	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ ICAC: Jason Loomis	☐ External Affairs: Caleb Ashby	☐ DOW: COL Little
☒ USWFS Aviation: Matt Shaddle	☒ USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton	☐ Airspace: Emmaly Read
☒ NIIC-D: Jason Bruce	☐ Cache: Nate Hesse	☐ IR: Kat Sorenson
☐ Safety: Tyler McCowan	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☐ Smokejumpers:
☐ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Lisa Sandoval	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Michael Henry, Kristin Kirschner, Ben Sanders, Penny States, John Mckee, Marcus Medina, Beau Dobberstein, Mark Hilton, Jeremy Sullens, Benjamin Gannon, Steven Goldman, Mike Krupski, Josh Ingle, Maegan Maughan, Lindsey Lewis, Seth Morphis, Richard Parrish, Todd Tollefsrud, Court Wallace, Michael Rubenstein, Ewing Underwood, Shaun Jensen, Chase Maness

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 7 October 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL2. Light activity. 13 new large fires. 14 uncontained large fires. 5 CIMTs committed. 73 crews assigned. 135 engines assigned. 32 helicopters assigned. 4,826 personnel assigned. Releasing aircraft at end of contract.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Hot temperatures will persist across the Lower Mississippi Valley through tomorrow, and southerly winds will increase to 10-20 mph creating elevated conditions and high-risk significant fire potential before conditions begin to improve Friday
- Widespread moderate to heavy rain in Texas and Oklahoma today into tomorrow, with areas of flooding likely, with scattered light to moderate rain Friday
- A warming and drying trend is expected across California and Nevada, with minimum RH 5-15% and temperatures 10-15°F above normal by Friday, with warming expected across the rest of the West, as well
- Slow drying in the Southwest late this week, with more heavy rain possible in southeast Colorado today

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- The warming trend will persist across the West into next week, with widespread maximum temperatures 10-20°F above normal by mid-next week
- Very low minimum RH is expected in California and Nevada, dropping to 5-15%, with poor overnight recovery for mid-slopes and ridges and significant fire potential increasing but winds look to be light at this time
- Improving conditions are expected across the Lower Mississippi Valley to the Southeast this weekend as widespread wetting rain is expected, before some drying occurs from the southern Plains to the Southeast mid to late next week
- The northern half of the West is likely to be dry, with dry weather also spreading eastward through the northern Plains to the Great Lakes



National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

- beneficial precipitation through Northwest. Tropical moisture through Southwest.
- rain coming to Gulf Coast states.
- watch: parts of Great Lakes, portions of California into Great Basin
- risk in west will largely depend on problematic winds



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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT	21		3
VLAT	3		1
SCOOPER	8		
AIR ATTACK		21	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT		34	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		12	
HELO TYPE1	26	63	
HELO TYPE2	60	23	
HELO TYPE3	23	39	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	5	16	
T3 IMT			
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	28	22	
CREW TYPE 2IA	39	38	
CREW TYPE 2	31		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)		38	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS		9/67	
CATERERS	6	19	
SHOWERS	17	41	

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AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	
PENDING	0



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- NTR

California – John Goss

- NOPs is at PL2, SOPs is at PL3.
- A few lightning fires, all contained.
- Dome Fire will do CIMTs changeover on Friday morning.
- Expecting 7-9 days of elevated temps.

Eastern Area – Steven Goldman

- Very light IA, mostly conducting Rx.

Great Basin – John Foley

- NTR

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl

- Billings/Missoula tanker bases closing today.
- Last day for most crews is 10/10.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Rx increasing across GA, suppression repair continues.
- Little Giant Fire will do CIMT changeover tomorrow.
- Austin/Grasshopper Fires going to Type 3.
- Last week for jumpers.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, light activity. Looking at Rx windows.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Right-sizing aircraft, closing Killeen air tanker base and Fayetteville mobile retardant base in the next week.
- Expect increase in Rx after rain rolls through.
- No critical needs.
- Team applications in ICAP close tomorrow.
- Meeting to visit PL, expect drop in near future.

Southwest – Harold Riggs

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NMAC Agency Updates

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NASF – Greg Smith

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NMAC Operations Report Out

- releasing resources at end of season dates, extending aircraft on a case-by-case basis
- heavy Rx support

Liaison Report Out

International – Megan Kephart

NTR

Safety – Tyler McCowan

NTR

NMAC Public Affairs – Jessica Gardetto

NTR

Administration

PL – 2 (1.57)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

1. CIMT AAR – Jesse Bender

- no additional topics submitted for AAR.
- added request from last week for adding “Military” as a topic.
- will have breakdowns within the topics to ensure coverage of specific components.
- add Dynamic Containment as a topic for CIMT AAR. **Support**

2. Recruitment Feedback – Chuck Russell

- NMAC associates should visit with GAs about the experience with the system/process.

