

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

October 7, 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	Sean Peterson	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

☐ Chair: Chuck Russell	☐ Vice Chair: Greg Smith	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: Erica Lamb	☒ USFS: Russ Long	☒ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☐ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Tyler Anderson	☒ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Seth Grimm
☒ Great Basin: Mike Krupski	☒ Northern Rockies: Dave Williams	☒ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Mike Spilde
☒ Fuels: Jeremy Sullens	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer	☒ Weather: Jonathan Chriest
☒ Crews: Chase Maness	☒ 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: Troy Phelps	☒ Strategic Analytics: Rick Stratton	☒ Smokejumpers: Court Wallace
☐ NMAC Public Affairs: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler

Additional Attendees: Hans Ohme, Megan Kephart, Mike Riker, Perry Breitenstein, Josh Acosta, John Cervantes, Karis Collet, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, Kristin Kirschner, Steve Larrabee, Lindsey Lewis, Maegan Maughan, John Mckee, Richard Parrish, Trevor Pollock, Jenn Rabuck, Harold Riggs, Ben Sanders, Mike Spilde, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Todd Tollefsrud, Josh Ingle

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 14 October 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Sean Peterson)

PL2, 378 new starts in the last week, 10 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs, 95 engines, 27 helicopters, 3,400 personnel assigned.

86 aircraft, 22 crews, 133 pieces of equipment, and 1,450 overhead assigned to RX.

Northwest: PL2, 3 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Little Giant – NW Team 12, managing Sisi, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 172,900 acres, 93% contained.

Sisi – Moderate behavior, timber, 4,400 acres, 29% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 11 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Bouquet – Light fuels, minimal behavior, 1,050 acres, 74% contained.

Dome – CA Team 4, timber and brush, moderate behavior, 6,800 acres, 41% contained.

Timber – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 25,350 acres, 90% contained.

Great Basin: PL2, 7 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Jones – Brush and timber, extreme behavior, structures threatened, 1,600 acres, 5% contained.

Bull – Timber and light fuels, minimal behavior, 1,500 acres, 69% contained.



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Predictive Services Update National Fire Weather Update (Jonathan Chriest)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (Today through Friday)

- Very hot temperatures as high as 105 F during the afternoon continue across California through Friday evening with Extreme Heat Warnings and Heat Advisories in effect
- A deep trough of low pressure aloft looks to drop south over the West on Friday with a strong surface cold front along the leading edge, bringing increasing north and west winds especially east of the major mountain ranges while conditions remain dry and warm
- Widespread wind gusts as high as 50 mph are expected from central Montana to the Sierra Front with areas of critical fire weather expected Friday
- Tropical Storm Isaías will bring heavy rain and flash flooding along with strong winds and storm surge to the Gulf Coast states beginning Friday

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Much cooler and well below normal temperatures move into the West beginning Saturday, with a round of snow likely for much of Montana and Wyoming
- Windy, dry, and warm conditions develop across western Nevada and the Sierra Front with wind gusts 45-50 mph on Saturday still ahead of the main front
- Moisture from Hurricane Rachel is likely to bring areas of heavy rain to Arizona, Utah, and Nevada by Sunday, though how far west into Nevada and California the rain reaches is still uncertain
- Heavy rain from the remnants of Tropical Storm Isaías will move into the Ohio Valley and over the Northeast through early next week



National Fuels Update (Jeremy Sullens)

ERCs remain relatively moderate below the 90th percentile for most of the West. Hot dry conditions will continue to push ERCs upward in CA and GB through the end of the week.

Significant fire potential will increase over the weekend after the predicted winds. Central CA conditions will continue to be hot and dry through next week.

Strategic Analytics Update (Rick Stratton)

Tracking forecast for increase in significant fire potential as weather conditions change.

Persistent fires in GB, SOPS, NW, and NR.

Likely to see persistent heat and potential for growth on Dome in SOPS.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		18	3
VLAT		1	Off contract COB 10/7
SCOOPER		8	Releasing 1 today.
AIR ATTACK		16	
LEAD ASM		8	
SEAT	4		
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS	0		
HELO TYPE1		67	
HELO TYPE2		29	
HELO TYPE3		40	
LARGE TRANS			Off contract
CIMT	2	15	
T3 IMT		1	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	31	54	
CREW TYPE 2IA	30	27	
CREW TYPE 2	24	Hundreds	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	77	24	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS		33	
CATERERS	2	17	
SHOWERS	15	42	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	6
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	7 T1/T2IA
ENGINES	14
OVERHEAD	
PENDING	1 helicopter



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson

- PL1, no needs or concerns.

California – Jay Kurth

- Fire in northern CA grew to 60 acres earlier this week. Forecast expecting fire season through mid-November with continued warmer and drying conditions. Balancing support for SOPS and RX.

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Seth Grimm

- Transitioning to RX and fuels treatment.

Great Basin – John Foley – Mike Krupski

- Increase in IA over the last week with several T3 fires. Preparing for expected fire conditions and winds for the weekend.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- Increase in IA, planned RX over the next few days.

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- Looking at a T3 IMT after the current CIMT on Little Giant. Retaining aircraft in the GA with the current dry conditions. Continuing broadcast burning across the GA.

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, light IA, 1,200 lightning strikes on the Western Slope. Beginning RX.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- Balancing fire environment with tropical storm impacts. Possible mass evacuations. Establishing communication networks. Potential for significant wind to tree damage in GA and TN. No critical needs. Will evaluate PL based on direction the storm takes.

Southwest – Mike Spilde

- PL1, preparing for RX across all agencies. Holding SW CIM AAR next week in Albuquerque.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – Chuck Russell – Erica Lamb

- NTR

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- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- Anticipate the National Response Coordination Center to activate today to assist FEMA Regions 4 and 6.

NASF – Greg Smith

- N/A

NMAC Operations Report Out

4 short-haul ships on.

6 rappel modules remain available.

Boise last day staffing SMKJ is on 10/9.

1,805 TFRs issued YTD.

Significant availability in crews.

Crew Coordinator can share visibility of the crew end of year dates.

Liaison Report Out

International – Sean Peterson

Canada at PL1.

Australia has several large fires.



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Administration

PL – 2

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

NMAC AAR

Topics will be distributed to all for review and feedback.

Add MAFFS topic.

