

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

October 14, 2026

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
National Fire Activity Overview	Megan Kephart	Information
National Fire Weather Update	Jim Wallmann	Information
National Fuels Update	Steve Larrabee	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	Erica Lamb	Information
International and DOW Report Out	Megan Kephart	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	Information
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

☒ Chair: Greg Smith	☒ Vice Chair: Russ Long	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ USWFS: LJ Brown	☒ USFS: Hans Ohme	☐ USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ NASF: Greg Smith	☒ NICC: Megan Kephart	☒ IAFC: Craig Daugherty
☒ Alaska: Karis Collet	☐ California: Jay Kurth	☒ Eastern Area: Seth Grimm
☒ Great Basin: John Foley	☒ Northern Rockies: Dave Williams	☐ Northwest: Brian Ebert
☒ Southern Area: Jason Demas	☒ Rocky Mountain: Paul Cerda	☒ Southwest: Harold Riggs
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Intel: Perry Breitenstein	☒ 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: Ben Sanders, Mike Krupski, Jeremy Sullens, Beau Dobberstein, Kristin Kirschner, Penny States, Maegan Maughan, Shaun Jensen, Mike Riker, Mark Hilton, Megan Heffentrager, Ben Gannon, Josh Acosta, Shawn Steber, Carlie Swa, Josh Ingle, Trevor Pollock, Bryan Stamps, Todd Tollefsrud, Jennifer Rabuck

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, 15 August 2026, 1100-1300



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National Fire Activity Overview (Megan Kephart)

PL1, light IA, 387 fires in the last week, 12 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 14 crews, 70 engines, 16 helicopters, 2,121 personnel assigned.

No ESF4 activations in the Gulf.

SOPS will get warm and breezy in the next couple of weeks.

Predictive Services Update

National Fire Weather Update (Jim Wallmann)

Snow in MT occurred over the weekend.

Lower RH in CA, higher fire risk in the Sierras.

Santa Ana event with gusts up to 55mph expected.

Lower Mississippi Valley expecting above normal temperatures and breezy winds.

Storm moving in mid-next week with widespread precipitation in much of CA.

National Fuels Update (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels in southern California have recovered, burning indices remain high.

Fall Risk Assessment for SA has been published.



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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		10	3
VLAT			
SCOOPER		7	
AIR ATTACK		18	
LEAD ASM		5	
SEAT		0	
SINGLE ENGINE SCOOPERS		0	
HELO TYPE1	25	77	
HELO TYPE2	10	33	
HELO TYPE3	9	55	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	1	13	
T3 IMT			
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	16	16	
CREW TYPE 2IA	18	33	
CREW TYPE 2	15		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	5	17	
SHOWERS	5	47	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	
PENDING	

1 helicopter, 63 engines, 10 crews, and 703 personnel assigned to RX.



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Geographic Area (GA) Associate Member Round-Table Update

Alaska – Tyler Anderson – Karis Collet

- PL1, agency meetings occurring this week. Increase in RX, monitoring incoming storm for heavy winds and evaluating landslide potential.

California – Jay Kurth

- N/A

Eastern Area – Paul Lundgren – Seth Grimm

- Slurry of activity over the weekend in the Great Lakes states followed by moisture. Multiple units in severity.

Great Basin – John Foley

- PL2, moisture received in most areas.

Northern Rockies – Corey Buhl – Dave Williams

- NTR

Northwest – Brian Ebert

- N/A

Rocky Mountain – Paul Cerda

- PL2, uptick in activity. Receiving precipitation and snow at higher elevations.

Southern Area – Jason Demas

- NTR

Southwest – Mike Spilde – Harold Riggs

- Units completing RX.



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NMAC Agency Updates

USWFS – LJ Brown

- LJ is the acting Assistant Director for Fire Operations Coordination and the primary for USWFS.
- DOI is no longer using 0456 PDs for dispatch, will be moving to recruit and advertise dispatch positions with legacy PDs. Will maintain the GW pay scale for those positions and personnel that have secondary coverage. A new series will be revisited for dispatchers in the future.

USFS – Russ Long – Hans Ohme

- NTR

USFA – Aitor Bidaburu

- N/A

NASF – Greg Smith

- NTR

NMAC Operations Report Out

Seeing a lot of MAPs ending across the board.

One short-haul MAP ends on 10/18, two more on day-to-day extensions.

Administration

PL – 1 (1.28)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

CIM AAR

Will ICAC have a presentation slot?

Include RIST as a topic.

-Feedback regarding how RIST support worked for 2026 and how to better utilize it for 2027.

-Will not include a RIST capability presentation.

-Erica will reach out to Morgan and Billy to invite RIST SMEs (1-2) for both days.

Greg will send Jesse additional topics to consider from ICAC.

Distribute agenda by 10/14 COB.

International

Formal product from Australia/New Zealand AAR has not been received.

Erica and David have compiled data based on the information received during the AAR in Boise.

International is included in the NMAC AAR.

NMAC AAR

Distribute agenda by 10/14 COB.

NMAC Meeting Frequency

Revisit working meeting frequency and weekday in November.

10/21 will be an NMAC primary working session.

Monthly meeting will occur the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning in November.

