

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

June 5, 2025

1000-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Jim Wallmann/Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	Information

Attendees:

☒ Chair: Shane McDonald	☒ Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ FWS/AK/SA: Shane McDonald	☒ USFS/EA/SW: Russ Long	☒ USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	☒ NASF/RM: Greg Smith	☒ NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
☒ BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ External Affairs: Sheri Ascherfeld	☒ USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton
☒ BLM Aviation: Matt Shaddle	☒ DoD: Martha Wilkins	☐ Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
☐ IAFC: Erik Litzenberg	☒ CGAC: Jay Kurth	☒ IR: Kat Sorenson
☐ NIIC-D:	☒ Cache: Marcus Medina	☒ IMTs: Travis Bailey
☒ Crews: Jeremy Sullens	☒ Smokejumpers: Hans Ohme	☒ Intel: Julie Polutnik
☒ OWF: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ BAER: Lou Ballard

Additional Attendees: Maegan Maughan, Beale Monday, Jeff Walther, Shane Santos, Heather Robbins, Josh Ingle, Casey Teske, Russ Babiak, Mark Hilton

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 11 April 2024, 1000-1200



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL2, light IA, 72 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO Team, 11,000 personnel assigned.

South Ops: PL2, light IA, 1 uncontained large fire.

Inn – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, 728 acres, 94% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL1, 3 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Banana Lake – MT DNR, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 929 acres, 25% contained.

Great Basin: PL1, light IA.

Dunes – ID, 1,000 acres, 100% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 12 new incidents, 1 uncontained large fire.

Perchman – Minimal behavior, southern rough and brush, 850 acres, 75% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO Team.

Jenkins Creek – NIMO Team 1, managing Horse River, minimal behavior, brush and timber, 16,100 acres, 94% contained.

Horse River – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, 13 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL2, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires.

Ranch – AZ DOF, active behavior, light fuels, 2,750 acres, 0% contained.

Paradise – Minimal behavior, timber and grass, 727 acres, 95% contained.

Cody – 1,200 acres, 100% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Monday)

- Temperatures warming to well above normal in northern/central California and the northern half of the West this weekend into early next week with low RH and areas of poor overnight recovery
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for northern California southern/eastern Oregon and the northern Great Basin this weekend and Monday, increasing initial attack with low to moderate significant fire potential
- Becoming drier for the Southwest and Four Corners this weekend, with moderate significant fire potential returning to southern Arizona and southwest New Mexico by Monday as burn periods exceed 15 hours
- Breezy northwest winds this weekend for eastern Montana into the western Dakotas creating elevated to locally critical conditions
- Dry for the Upper Great Lakes into Saturday before scattered showers and thunderstorms return Sunday into Monday but not all areas will receive wetting rain
- Cool and moist for Alaska with very low significant fire potential to persist into next week

Long-term (Tuesday through next Saturday)

- Isolated to scattered mixed wet dry thunderstorms for the northern Intermountain West mid-next week before dry and potentially breezy conditions return
- Continued very dry west of the Divide in the Southwest into the southern Great Basin and West Slope, while showers and thunderstorms are likely east of the Divide into the High Plains
- Precipitation possible for South Texas mid-next week, with potential for another round of scattered precipitation for the Midwest



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

2 active Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories.

High heat moving into the northwest will bump ERCs 20-30 points above the historic maximums for this time of year.

ERCs in northern California are nearing mid-summer highs.

Portions of the greater northwest will see above normal significant fire potential extending into September.

Flash drought conditions may be indicated for the Upper Great Lakes, supporting expectation for above normal fire potential.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		20	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		6	
AIR ATTACK		27	
LEAD ASM		15	
SEAT	43	44	
HELO TYPE1	23	69	
HELO TYPE2	26	36	
HELO TYPE3	28	25	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	0	24	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	25	61	
CREW TYPE 2IA	32	28	
CREW TYPE 2	13	Hundreds	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	38	141	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	6	34	
RAPPELERS		69	
CATERERS			
SHOWERS			

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	4
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	10
OVERHEAD	2
PENDING	1 air attack, OH

10 air, 2 crews, 28 equip, 279 overhead assigned to RX.



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: NTR

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Coordinating Group call yesterday, less activity than normal for this time of year, Secretary of the Interior visiting the Kenai Peninsula.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: FEMA visiting with NC about dead and down fuels.
- Northern Rockies: Concern with severity of dryness increasing.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Working through purchase card capabilities, National Fire Leadership Council convened to discuss organization.
- Eastern Area: Steve Goldman will remain Coordinating Group chair.
- Southwest: No concerns.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Resources mobilizing through Compacts, putting together NW Compact team from the states.
- Rocky Mountain: 1 IHC available for international mobilization if needed,

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Coordinating Group met yesterday, Subcommittee working on one GA proposal making progress but will remain one GA.
- SOPs:

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Light IA, good resource availability, working to support international needs.

Administration

PL – 2

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

SW Team will fill second mobilization request.

SA and AK prepared for additional team asks.

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC remains at PL5

201 active fires, 4.4 million acres burned.

Australia and New Zealand resources will arrive this week.

Alyssa Gibbons mobilizing to CIFFC for critical incident response team.

Will discuss aviation safety liaison with CIFFC later.

South America resources are several weeks out from arrival in Canada.

Mob 1 has been filled.

Mob 2 in progress, should be fully filled.

First equipment order for Manitoba held up in Customs, working through processes at the border.

Cache will work with Magellin on driving next equipment supply order up to Canada.

Admin Topics

Teams

SW Team 6 mobilizing to Canada.

SW IMT members will fly closer to the Canada border and utilize a rental car to drive in from there. -Support

International assignments do not count as a national rotation assignment but do count as a team assignment.

Consider that some GAs will be putting together ad hoc teams for international mobilization.

T3 IMT Standards

Support Finance Unit Leader and Logistics Unit Leader not being required.

PIO must be qualified.

Revisit 2026 standards in the fall.

OWF Response to DOI memo

Provide assessment of firefighter and response capabilities.

Shane will work with DOI NMAC members to consolidate DRP data call information.

Surge Package Memo

Consider where resources should be bolstered.

Prepare sending GAs to put together surge packages.

Consider aircraft reassignments if needed.

Representatives should review the memo and capabilities with GAs.

PS will present higher fire danger areas on 6/9.

