

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

June 12, 2025

1000-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Julie Polutnik	Information
Predictive Services Update	Jim Wallmann/Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Julie Polutnik	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Julie Polutnik	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: Brad Sawyer	☒ NASF/RM: Greg Smith	☒ NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
☒ BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	☒ NICC: Julie Polutnik	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ External Affairs: Christina Boehle	☒ USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton
☒ BLM Aviation: Matt Shaddle	☒ DoD: Martha Wilkins	☒ Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
☒ NIIC-D: Jason Bruce	☒ Cache: Marcus Medina	☒ IMTs: Perry Breitenstein
☒ Crews: Jeremy Sullens	☒ Smokejumpers: Hans Ohme	☒ Intel: Megan Kephart
☒ IAFC: Erik Litzenberg	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler	☒ IR: Kat Sorenson
☒ OWF: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ NMAC Ops: Elise Hawes

Additional Attendees: Jesse Bender, Jeff Walther, Shane Santos, Eric Fransted, Russ Babiak, Gordon Sachs, Ryan Sundberg, Penny States, Scott Mayer, Megan Heffentrager, Persephone Whelan, Nate Hesse, Travis Bailey, Lou Ballard, Eric Coulter, Beau Dobberstein, Mike Henry, Brian Pranske

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 16 June 2025, 1000-1200



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IMSR Update (Julie Polutnik)

PL2, 181 new fires, 10 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 1 NIMO Team, 39 crews, 164 engines, 13 helicopters, 1,865 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL2, catching holdovers.

Northwest: PL2, 42 new fires, 2 uncontained large fires.

Rowena – OR DOF, extreme behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Sunny Side – Light fuels, minimal behavior, 755 acres, 80% contained.

Ferry – 2,000 acres.

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

Ranch – Cal Fire, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 4,200 acres, 25% completed.

Northern Rockies: PL1, discussing PL increase, 14 new fires, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Post – NR Team 5 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 260 acres, 0% contained.

Hilger Valley – Moderate behavior, T3 IMT, timber, infrastructure threatened, 295 acres, 40% contained.

Great Basin: PL1, 19 new fires, 2 uncontained large fires.

Burnt Canyon – Extreme behavior, timber, structures threatened, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Rosencrans – Extreme behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, increasing activity in FL, 2 uncontained large fires.

Brush Crossing – Moderate behavior, 380 acres, 0% contained.

Ollie Roberts Road – Active behavior, southern rough, 1,000 acres, 85% contained.

Eastern Area: PL1, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 NIMO Team.

Jenkins Creek – NIMO Team 1, minimal behavior, brush, 16,000 acres, 94% contained.

Southwest: PL2, discussing PL increase.

Basin – 9,000 acres, 54% completed.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

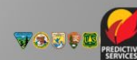
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Monday)

- Hot temperatures will develop over the Southwest, southern Great Basin, and West Slope by the weekend, with very low RH and poor overnight recovery of 10-30%
- Periods of breezy winds late this week for the southern Great Basin, West Slope, and Arizona, with a stronger wind event possible Monday creating elevated to critical conditions
- Breezy/dry for the northern Intermountain West, but isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms rare expected for the Inland northwest into Idaho and western Montana through Friday for potential new ignitions
- Wetter conditions for eastern Montana through the weekend lowering fire potential, while the Upper Midwest continues with higher RH and scattered light precipitation
- An extended period of warm/dry conditions into next week Alaska increasing fire potential to moderate in the eastern Interior

Long-term (Tuesday through next Saturday)

- Hot and dry for the Southwest, Great Basin and Greater Four Corners through the weekend increasing footprint of moderate significant fire potential
- Cooler conditions anticipated for the Northwest, with breezy conditions likely midweek, shifting eastward by the weekend
- Below normal temperatures and an increase in showers east of the Mississippi Valley



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

2 Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories in effect.

ERCs in the Gila have rebounded to the 90th percentile, focus in AZ and western NM.

AK indices steadily increasing, high temperatures in the interior.

Northern CA may start seeing increase in fire activity.

ID panhandle fuels flammability increasing, 6 weeks ahead of normal fuels drying schedule.

GB indices in 80th percentile and matching peak conditions.



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Resource Update (Julie Polutnik)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		21	
VLAT		3	
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		26	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	45	42	
HELO TYPE1	23	5	
HELO TYPE2	21	3	
HELO TYPE3	17	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	1	23	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	37	14	
CREW TYPE 2IA	46	10	
CREW TYPE 2	12	Hundreds	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	40	126	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	0	29	
RAPPELERS		104	
CATERERS		1	
SHOWERS		61	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	5
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	4
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	3
PENDING	2 air attacks, 2 SEATs, 3 HELCO, 1 PSC3



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: NTR

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: Monitoring the fire in the Gorge with an FMAG.
- Northern Rockies: Samson's team mobilizing to Post incident. Higher incident winding down.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Fire Directors and FAM staff meeting ongoing in Boise through next week.
- Eastern Area: Decreased to PL1, NIMO Team 1 available next week.
- Southwest: Monitoring lightning and new incidents on Gila.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: 2,000+ acres on Rowena, ODF Team 2 mobilized.
- Rocky Mountain: NTR

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Wills incident 25 acres but remains a concern. Working to fill out of GACC orders.
- SOPs: Working to fill out of GACC orders.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Fleet folks working to solve vehicle failures, updating Severity process.
- NW: PL2, several large fires, expecting heavy IA from lightning, concerned with dry conditions in WA.

Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Elise Hawes

Recommend not mobilizing additional crews internationally due to upcoming fire predictions.

SA Team 1 stood down for the season.

No challenges or concerns from GAs for fulfilling CIMTs

International – Julie Polutnik

CIFFC at PL5.

500+ personnel from out of country assisting Canada.

Working through crew deployments in country.

Consider additional crew extensions.

Consider additional overhead requests.

Potential request for smokejumper request to imbed with in-country personnel.

Working through incident process.

AK Team will inbrief today.



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Administration

PL – 2

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Cal OES Teams

13 IMTs

No federal personnel engagement.

Able to take requests for outside immediate area.

Coordination with Customs & Border Protection During International Mobilizations into the U.S.

Updated CPB contact.

All personnel mobilizing to US must have valid, unexpired passport.

There is currently no minimum “prior to expiration” duration requirement.

Representative must meet incoming personnel at airport when feasible.

Embassy representative will maintain awareness on travel status to support all issues that may arise.

Coordination document will be added to International Mobilization Guide as an appendix for 2026.

Document will be included as part of the coordination SOP and utilized to train personnel in the embassy role.

NICC will reach out to international partners to verify this document meeting the intent of their ask.

Final review will be completed next week.

CIFFC-NIFC agreement language should be updated to reflect agreement between countries.

International

Request to extend LAT in Alberta 7 days until June 18. -Support

14-day extension forms for T1 crews in Manitoba will be submitted.

All GAs supportive of extending crews in Canada, apprehensive regarding mobilizing additional crews.

Request SW CIMT 7-day extension in Alberta. -Support

Request 7-day extensions for 3 T1 crews in Alberta. -Support

Request to extend all overhead assigned in Alberta for 7 days. -Support

Consider crew swaps in Canada rather than extensions to expand opportunity.

Extensions decrease non-working time for resources mobilizing.

15 crews at incident in Canada, 3 crews filling orders for mobilization next week.

Additional replacement Crisis Response Coordinator. -Support

CIMTs

NISRM language applies to internal and national rotation assignments.

Draft CIMT Allocation Process document will be finalized and added to NMAC talking points.

NMAC representatives reviewing personnel numbers on CIMTs and capacity.

No concerns with CIMTs.



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NMAC IA Surge Packages

Concern with SW potential to increase activity.

Steady increase in activity across the western US.

Indices for NW show some temperature relief but maintain high ERC percentiles.

Most GAs receptive to accepting designated surge packages.

Recommend building generic resource packages based on resource availability.

States may participate in building a task force.

Consider how surge package resources would charge time/commitment.

Surge packages should be ordered on one support code then charged to each individual incident upon mobilization.

Clarify charging surge resources on national support code for duration of utilization with IBC.

-Revisit business practices and charge codes.

-Revisit composition in exec.

International Support Standards Qualifications

Qualifications for INLO, SREP, AREP, etc.

2 current options:

- NWCG 310-1: can follow the process for 310-1 which would include Fed/State Standard but longer process; could take 1 to 2 years.
- Agency Specific Route (Federal Qual Supplement): work within own agency; 1 federal agency can promote it and others follow suit; faster process.

Creating a fed-only qualification, IPSC should be involved.

Russ Babiak will work through NPS process.

