

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 14, 2025

1100-1300

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: Jeff Walther	☐ 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	☒ IAFC: Erik Litzenberg
☒ BLM Aviation: Matt Shaddle	☒ BIA Aviation: Robert Dodgen	☒ USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton
☒ NIIC-D: Mark Hilton	☒ Cache: Marcus Medina	☒ DoD: Martha Wilkins
☒ Crews: Jeremy Sullens	☒ Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf	☐ Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
☒ OWF: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler	☒ IR: Rachel Hansen
☒ BAER: Lou Ballard	☒ NMAC Operations: Kat Sorenson	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer
☐ CGAC: Jay Kurth	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ IMTs: Travis Bailey

Additional Attendees: Kevin Conn, Shane Santos, Russ Babiak, Brad Sawyer, Russ Long, Jeff Lee, Aaron Baldwin, Maj Brian West, Perry Breitenstein, Justin Gilman, Jan Johnson, Darren Donley, Mike Henry, Nate Hesse, Lindsey Lewis, Andrew Bailey, Mike Mattfeldt, Mike Rubenstein, Gordon Sachs, Penny States, Casey Teske, George Violante, Kim Albracht, Anne Jewell, Col TJ Gannon, Brian Vanless

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 15 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 370 new starts, 36 uncontained large fires, 18 CIMTs, 368 crews, 702 engines, 120 helicopters, 15,000 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Green – CA Team 10, active behavior, brush and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, 11,600 acres, 5% contained.

Orleans Complex – CA Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,200 acres, 0% contained.

Marble Complex – CA Team 9, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 751 acres, 40% contained.

Northwest: PL3, moderate IA, 11 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Fire in BC, Canada – Timber, moving resources to prepare for US intrusion.

Grizzly Complex – ODF Team 3, minimal behavior, timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 930 acres, 38% contained.

Elk – ODF Team 1, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 2,700 acres, 22% contained.

Long Point – ODF, minimal behavior, light fuels, light fuels, 349 acres, 86% contained.

Highland – Moderate behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 720 acres, 5% contained.

Cram – Extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 4,500 acres, 0% contained.

Coyote – Active behavior, aggressive IA, light fuels, structures and habitat threatened, 850 acres, 60% contained.

Hope – WA DNR, NW Team 8, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 7,150 acres, 8% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 12, active behavior, grass and timber, limited perimeter growth, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Gulch – Minimal behavior, timber, 444 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, light IA, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Max – Sierra NF, light fuels, 300 acres.

Madre – CA Team 8, minimal behavior, light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 80,700 acres, 80% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, light IA, 1 uncontained large fire.

Garnet – MT DNR, active behavior, timber, 124 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, moderate IA, 7 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs, discussing PL4.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 800 acres, 0% contained.

Deer Creek – GB Team 4, active behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 10,500 acres, 0% contained.

Forsyth – GB Team 2, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 15,640 acres, 72% contained.

White Sage – AZ strip, GB Team 6, extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, residences threatened, 49,300 acres, 0% contained.

Gothic – DoD, active behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, MAFFS being assigned, 36,000 acres, 0% completed.



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Southern Area: PL1, fires in southern FL are moving daily.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

South Rim – RM Team 3, active behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,760 acres, 0% contained.

Turner Gulch – RM Team 1, active behavior, light fuels, residences and habitat threatened, evacuations, 1,800 acres, 0% contained,

Sowbelly – Moderate behavior, brush, residences threatened, 2,200 acres, 0% contained.

Alaska: PL4, light IA, 4 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs, numerous fires being managed under non full suppression strategies.

Nenana Ridge Complex – AK Team 2, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 33,000 acres, 0% contained.

Himalaya Road – SW Team 3 TOC RM Team 2 today, minimal behavior, managing Aggie Creek, timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 6,055 acres, 0% contained.

Aggie Creek – Moderate behavior, timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, 35,000 acres, 2% contained.

Southwest: PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Laguna – SW Team 1 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 14,700 acres, 45% contained.

Dragon Bravo – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 5,700 acres, 0% contained.

Billy – Moderate behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, 752 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

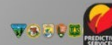
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Wednesday)

- Another increase in fire activity is expected across the Intermountain West the next two days due to periods of strong winds and isolated to scattered dry thunderstorms
- Widespread high-risk significant fire potential is forecast in the Great Basin to the West Slope tomorrow due to the winds and thunderstorms, with winds continuing in the Great Basin Wednesday
- Strong north to northeasterly winds in the Okanogan Valley into northern Idaho today will create critical conditions and high-risk significant fire potential, and thermal troughing will develop west of the Cascades Wednesday for elevated potential
- Moderating conditions east of the Divide in Montana due to a strong cold front with precipitation, with moderating conditions for southern Arizona and much of New Mexico due to increasing monsoon moisture
- High-risk significant fire potential for the Alaska eastern Interior today followed by cooler conditions, with more significant relief due to precipitation for the western Interior midweek

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Warm/dry for the northwestern US, followed by breezy west to southwest winds for the Inland Northwest, northern/western Great Basin Friday through the weekend
- An increase in monsoon moisture for the Greater Four Corners Friday into Saturday for a brief respite, but warm, very dry, and occasionally breezy conditions are likely to return by mid-next week
- Seasonally dry conditions expected in California, while the monsoon is most likely to continue in southern Arizona and near/east of the Divide in New Mexico



Another escalation of activity is expected the next two days west of the Divide, focused on the Great Basin and West Slope, followed by slight moderation late this week into this weekend.

Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory issued as multi-GACC/state to include SW Wyoming, Colorado's West Slope, AZ Strip, and Central/Eastern Utah.

High risk expected across intermountain NW.

ERCs increasing to 90th percentiles into western interior.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		26	
VLAT		4	
MAFFS			2 coming on today
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		18	
LEAD ASM		14	
SEAT	92	11	
HELO TYPE1	73	4	
HELO TYPE2	38	21	
HELO TYPE3	49	9	
LARGE TRANS			Jetload from AK coming back 7/16.
CIMT	18 (1 Preposition)	11	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	88	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	140	0	
CREW TYPE 2	232	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	79	113	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	53	1 load	
RAPPELERS		83	
CATERERS	17	6	
SHOWERS	25	33	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	37
TANKER	12
HELO	11 (HECM low)
AIR ATTACK	
IR	7
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	17 T1/T2IA
ENGINES	14
OVERHEAD	305 (SOF, TFLD, RADO, dispatch, DIVS, HEQB, HECM, HECM, SMKJ)
PENDING	2 scoopers, 8 helicopters, 1 ASM, 28 T1/T2IA crews, 10 engines, 191 overhead



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Forsyth discussing next organization, PL4 with next large incident likely, MAC group working.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: UTV accident on state fire in OR, engine accident in AK near base.
- Alaska: PL4, concerns with forecasted weather, hoping to maintain current resource levels, red medicals and boat usage standdown. Will continue booster requests, MAC group meeting daily.
- Southern Area: Coordinating Group meeting this week.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies) – Brian Achziger

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Starting training at Fort Carson. Caterer issue on Green, working to clear inspection.
- Eastern Area: Working to roster FDNY T3 IMT for mid-week, supporting Region 8 with ESFL for flooding.
- Southwest: CIMT 1 in place on Laguna incident, CIMT 4 on Dragon Bravo, BUYT mobilized for Laguna. T3 IMT place on Billy incident.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Moving many resources from south to WA state including overhead, engines, crews, etc. FL state has CIMT available and rostered through the end of the week. NC putting together potential surge team for July 26-August 15.
- Rocky Mountain: Scrambling for resources and maintaining IA, expecting prepositioned CIMT, good coordination with Crew Coordinator.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: Interest in incident in Grand Canyon, daily briefings will occur with Assistant Secretary.
- NOPs: Marble Complex TOC local unit on 7/19. Increased IA expected.
- SOPs: Max incident committed 7 crews, filling orders for equipment. Continued warm and dry weather, expecting elevated risk to continue.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: PL3, minimal growth on large fires. Hope incident moving ICP to reduce driving exposures, lacking middle management positions. Grizzly Complex demobilizing resources in the next couple of days. Pomas has concerns with today's red flag warning with difficult terrain. Balancing IA and large fire commitment, surge package working night shifts. Concern with anticipated high winds and lightning potential, lack of HECM, 4 CIMTs available.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

50% UTFs (on fed only and agency only) engine requests.
BIA moving 2 EU air attacks.
Smokejumper boost shopped to NW and NR UTFd yesterday.
Laguna crew extension request. -Revisit in Admin.
Good IA crew response moving from large fires to IA.
RM, SW, and GB out of CIMTs.
National rotation – CA (prepositioned team), RM, NW, NR, NW
National surge package #1 in NOPS has been released and traveled home.
Puerto Rico crew will R&R in NOPS before being reassigned.
National surge package #2 LWD 7/21, working on crew swap.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NISCC desk activated yesterday for cache-to-cache support.
Uptick in media inquiries, exploring shortages between fire support and staffing shortages.
Inquiries regarding Dragon Bravo.
NIIC-D has checked all radio kits other than 9 remaining in London, KY and Grand Rapids.
Working to identify additional frequencies to borrow, radio kit availability getting low.

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5, 559 active fires for 13 million acres.
US resources: 1 short IMT and 5 overhead assigned to Alberta.

Administration

PL – 4

GACC Priority: Revisit in Admin.

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International IMT Shadow

Recommend international IMT members shadowing US IMTs for knowledge purposes.

Many resources are and have been mobilized to Canada.

Resources would be available for assignment in US 9-11 days after request.

Request diverse group of C&G and middle management positions from AFEC to shadow in US. -Support

Submit position list to Sean Peterson to discuss with Australia and New Zealand.

Aviation LATs Memo

Request NICC to identify 12 LATs to ensure days off are staggered.

MAFFS require a Lead ASM and would not be the correct tool for the IA task due to timing and aggressiveness needed.

2 LATs will be designated to each of the top 6 GAs prioritized for IA and will be maintained in those GACCs unless they agree to release those LATs to other GACCs.

Movement of LATs is unpredictable and there must be consistent IA availability ending in each GA expecting IA.

-Revisit in Exec.

Submit edits to Shane

PL4 Memo

Review Memo on SharePoint for final edits.

Distribute 7/14.

National Surge Package

Package #1 demobilized home.

Package #3 actively assigned to incident.

Resources unavailable to create a 4th surge package.

Recommend each liaison reach out to their agency to determine available resources. -Revisit 7/16.

Position Shortages

Helicopter Managers continue to be a pinch point for getting helicopters into the system.

NICC can run IROC reports to find all managers available and not being utilized. -NICC will share 7/15.

Move and allocate helicopters to GAs based on incident prioritization.

NMAC Safety

Ensure safety liaison is a defined role with a specific end state.

Bullet points are included in the NMAC Ops Guide.

Recommend utilizing personnel with MAC Safety experience.

Each liaison should check with their agency for potential point of contact options.

-Revisit 7/16.

Intel Analytic Products

Stratton and group reconfiguring products and continuing runs.

Planning to travel back to Boise later this summer.

NMAC should determine desired elements.

PS and analytics should be a combined business product.



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Follow Up Meetings

Determine strategic spider chart inputs.

IWDG Charter

Shane will send out meeting invites.

Crews

Good communication with GAs and across.

Expecting 1 IHC extension request from Laguna for 7 days. -Support

-Additional crew requests not expected.

-IHCs not normally extended, approved due to unique circumstances.

IHCs fully committed.

GACC Priority Settings

Current priority: NW, AK, NOPS, GB

Recommend: GB, NW, AK, NOPS, RM

Heavy personnel and resource commitment to NOPS incidents.

Prioritize: GB, AK, NW, RM, NOPS – Support

