

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 16, 2025

1100-1200

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: Brad Sawyer	☒ NASF/RM: Greg Smith	☒ NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
☒ BIA/NW: Shane Santos	☒ 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: Nate Hesse	☐ 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: Russ Babiak, Jeff Walther, Maegan Maughan, Jason Moore, Andy Snyder, Perry Breitenstein, Anne Jewell, Lt TJ Gagnon, Brian Vanless, Andrew Bailey, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Justin Gilman, Mike Henry, Colton Herrera, Jan Johnson, Maj Brian West, Mike Mattfeldt, Ryan Sundberg, Casey Teske, George Violante, Megan Heffentrager, Ryan Jones, Lindsey Lewis

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 17 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 125 new starts, 10 new large incidents, 43 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 1 short IMT and 5 overhead in Canada, 2 MAFFS, 381 crews, 803 engines, 153 helicopters, 16,414 personnel assigned.

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

Green – CA Team 10, active behavior, brush, residences and infrastructure threatened, 14,000 acres, 9% contained.

Orleans Complex – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 9,300 acres, 0% contained.

Marble Complex – CA Team 9, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 746 acres, 50% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 11 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Columbia River Cutoff – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,000 acres, reassigning resources from Greenacres to cover.

Greenacres – Minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 1,000 acres, 50% contained.

Hope – WA DNR, NW Team 6, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 7,415 acres, 16% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 12, active behavior, grass and timber, 3,448 acres, 0% contained.

Boundary Road – BIA, heavy commitment of aviation resources, extreme behavior, light fuels, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Cram – NW Team 10, extreme behavior, light fuels, active perimeter, residences threatened, evacuations, 65,000 acres, 0% contained.

Daybreak – Active behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 500 acres, 40% contained.

Elk – ODF Team 1, active behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 2,600 acres, 39% contained.

Hagelstein – Active behavior, timber and slash, 620 acres, 0% contained.

Grizzly Complex – ODF Team 3, minimal behavior, timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 58% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 23 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Madre – CA Team 8 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 80,700 acres, 91% contained.

Max – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 426 acres, 20% contained.

Fay – Kern County and Cal Fire, active behavior, light fuels, 750 acres, 0% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, received precipitation, 2 uncontained large fires.

Cherry – IDL, active behavior, slash and timber, 130 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, moderate IA, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Buckboard – Light fuels and timber, steep and rugged terrain, 1,000 acres.

Diamond Canyon – 150 acres.

Monroe Canyon – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 8,645 acres, 0% contained.

Deer Creek – GB Team 4, extreme behavior, timber, community threatened, evacuations, 14,600 acres, 7% contained.



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Forsyth – GB Team 2, limited perimeter growth, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 15,676 acres, 81% contained.

White Sage – GB Team 6, extreme behavior, timber and brush, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 53,000 acres, 4% contained.

Cornucopia – Extreme behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Tindall – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, fires in south Florida received rain.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, light IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Turner Gulch – RM Team 1, managing Wright Draw, active behavior, several established spots, light fuels, residences an infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 8,100 acres, 0% contained.

Wright Draw – Active behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, 350 acres, 0% contained.

South Rim – RM Team 3, extreme behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Sowbelly – Minimal behavior, no perimeter growth, brush, 2,200 acres, 13% contained.

New Holland – BIA, active behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 1,100 acres, 0% contained.

East Shelby – 733 acres, 100% contained.

Alaska: PL3, 4 new starts, large fire growth in eastern interior, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Nenana Ridge Complex – AK Team 2, received precipitation, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 33,100 acres, 4% contained.

Himalaya Road – RM Team 2, managing Aggie Creek, minimal behavior, timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 6,100 acres, 12% contained.

Aggie Creek – Moderate behavior, chaparral and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, 35,100 acres, 2% contained.

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

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 4, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 9,500 acres, 0% contained.

Billy – Moderate behavior, brush and timber structures threatened, 986 acres, 0% contained.

Laguna – SW Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 15,482 acres, 40% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Isolated to scattered dry or mixed wet/dry thunderstorms will continue over parts of Nevada and Wyoming into the Four Corners today, potentially leading to new fires and erratic outflow winds
- An upper low tracking in from Baja will bring an increase in wetter thunderstorms to the eastern Great Basin, northern parts of the Southwest and Rockies Thursday and Friday as conditions dry out farther south
- Hot and dry conditions are in store west of the Cascades today, while temperatures will remain cool over the northern Rockies and Upper Midwest
- Dry and breezy westerly winds will return to the interior Northwest and northern Great Basin tomorrow, likely bringing elevated conditions that may trend more critical on Friday, especially in the Columbia River Gorge and other Cascade gaps
- Alaska's eastern Interior will see a warming trend starting tomorrow through the weekend, resulting in increasing dryness, especially for areas that missed recent rain
- Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)
- Breezy southwesterly winds for the Inland Northwest, Great Basin, and southwest Montana Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday for elevated to critical conditions and potentially high-risk significant fire potential
- The monsoon wanes for much of the Southwest and Four Corners, with much drier air for Arizona, Utah, and Colorado, with showers and thunderstorms mainly near/east of the Divide in New Mexico
- Seasonally dry and warm conditions expected in California
- Drier in much of the Southern Area, with hot, dry, and occasionally breezy conditions on the southern Plains



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Improvement in ERCs across much of the NR.

Lower elevation fires will continue in CA.

ERCs will continue to rise through the GB, NW, and CA.

Central and northern ID will continue to see an increase in ERCs and fire danger.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		26	
VLAT		4	
MAFFS		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		19	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	93	10	
HELO TYPE1	74	1	
HELO TYPE2	39	20	
HELO TYPE3	48		
LARGE TRANS			Crews traveling home from AK today.
CIMT	19	10	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	83	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	138	1	
CREW TYPE 2	236	100	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	53	120	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	36	11	
RAPPELERS		112	
CATERERS	19	6	
SHOWERS	32	24	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	14
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	11
UAS	1
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	4 T1
ENGINES	1
OVERHEAD	96 (SEC, HEQB, dispatch, TFLD)
PENDING	170 overhead, 15 engines, 16 T2 crews, 11 helicopters,



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Monroe Canyon GB Team 3 took command. Forsyth inbriefing T3 IMT tomorrow.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: PL3, releasing resources, winding down MAC group calls at the end of the week.
- Southern Area: Coordinating Group meeting today.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Will make 2-4 IHCs available by the end of this week.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Fort Carson training is in progress, will be complete on Friday.
- Eastern Area: FDNY T3 IMT will be made available in IROC today.
- Southwest: Light IA.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Cal Fire resources moving to OR to assist. Moving compact resources to ND. WA resources assisting ODF.
- Rocky Mountain: Turner Gulch continues to be priority. Will try to make resources available as able.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: Dragon Bravo saw potential firefighter chlorine exposure.
- NOPs: Orleans Complex moving ICP.
- SOPs: Fay fire hoping to stay at T3 level, moved resources in from Max incident.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Cram expecting winds to die down. National surge package #3 on Cram. Ad hoc T3 IMT on Bear Gulch incident.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

IA program managing 2 EU Day IR platforms coming close to 6/36.
NIROPS aircraft under maintenance until tonight.
35 active TFRs, 7 airspace coordinators supporting 8 GAs.
4 scoopers being released from AICC today, going to WA.
Good movement for smokejumpers and rappellers.
Internal GA crew movement going well.
Idaho City and Sawtooth combined on day 7, making good IA catches.
National CIMT rotation: SW, GB, NW

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5.
All US personnel traveling home on 7/22.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.45)

GACC Priority: GB, NW, AK, RM, NOPS

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

NMAC Safety Liaison

FS group willing to present a rotation of personnel. -Support

Erin Phelps, Persephone Whalen – Invite 7/17

-Will request additional list to invite.

State IMTs

FL has full-rostered IMT available for surge capacity. -Allow to disband for overhead assignments.

NC is pairing with Cal Fire to provide a CIMT on 7/26.

FDNY will roster as a T3 IMT.

Teams

Green incident in CA requesting replacement, recommend mobilizing CA Team 3. -Support

Nenana Ridge Complex requesting 5-day extension for AK Team 2, recommend supporting. -Support

CA Team 2 remains prepositioned in Durango, in briefed last night.

State teams do not count as part of the national rotation total teams but show as CIMTs when dispatching and in IROC.

National Surge Package

Most agency resources already engaged in western US fire activity.

FS ICT3 and trainee available.

Surge #3 searching for replacement resources. -Representatives will send available resource information to Kat.

International Call

Shane and Sean will report out on shadow IMT on 7/17.

