

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 18, 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: 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: George Violante	☒ 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: Maegan Maughan	☒ Intel: Megan Kephart
☐ CGAC: Jay Kurth	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ IMTs: Travis Bailey

Additional Attendees: Jeff Walther, Kevin Conn, Jason Moore, Jeff Lee, Ryan Sundberg, Perry Breitenstein, Justin Gilman, Jason Bruce, Mike Henry, Jan Johnson, Maj Brian West, Andy Snyder, Robert Dukart, Troy Phelps, Persephone Whelan, Colton Herrera, Mike Henry, Lindsey Lewis, Megan Heffentrager, Gordon Sachs, Beale Monday, Casey Teske, Ryan Jones, Erin Phelps, Beau Dobberstein, Bennett Courneyour

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 21 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 41 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 1 short IMT and 5 overhead assigned to support in Canada, 2 MAFFS, 398 crews, 816 engines, 17,036 personnel assigned.

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

Green – CA Team 10, CA Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, brush, residences and infrastructure threatened, 17,600 acres, 17% contained.

Orleans Complex – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, timber, 10,949 acres, 0% contained.

Butler – Active behavior, residences threatened, evacuations, 11,000 acres, 0% contained.

Marble Complex – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 747 acres, 65% contained, reassigning resources to IA and higher priorities.

Northwest: PL3, 7 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Board Shanty – ODF, ODF Team 3 assuming command timber and urban interface, active behavior, residences threatened 500 acres.

Black Hills – 8,000 acres, cheat grass, forward progress stopped.

Cram – NW Team 10, active behavior, light fuels and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 94,000 acres, 0% contained.

Elk – ODF Team 1, limited perimeter growth, moderate behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,640 acres, 59% contained.

Hagelstein – Minimal behavior, timber, infrastructure threatened, 666 acres, 13% contained.

Hope – NW Team 8, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 7,700 acres, 25% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 12, active behavior, grass and timber, 3,525 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, moderate IA, 27 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Madre – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 80,779 acres, 97% contained.

Fay – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 648 acres, 20% contained.

Dale – Cal Fire, mopping up, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 1,096 acres, 28% contained.

Max – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 426 acres, 90% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, moderate IA, 34 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, limited perimeter growth, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 8,650 acres, 8,646 acres, 0% contained.

White Sage – GB Team 6, extreme behavior, no intense heat mapped last night, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 58,559 acres, 17% contained.

Deer Creek – GB Team 4, minimal behavior, limited perimeter growth, timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 15,655 acres, 11% contained.

Forsyth – GB Team 2 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 15,682 acres, 84% contained.

Cornucopia – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 3,500 acres, 90% contained.

Diamond Canyon – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 330 acres, 15% contained.

Buckboard – 1,698 acres, 100% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, light IA, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.



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Turner Gulch – RM Team 1, extreme behavior, 100 acres growth, brush and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 15,300 acres, 34% contained.

Wright Draw – Moderate behavior, brush and timber, 448 acres, 0% contained.

South Rim – RM Team 3, extreme behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 4,200 acres, 0% contained.

Ute 63 – CA Team 3, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 550 acres, 0% contained.

Sowbelly – Minimal behavior, brush, 2,200 acres, 24% contained.

Cottonwood Flat – Active behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 350 acres, 0% contained.

Alaska: PL3, light IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Nenana Ridge Complex – 2 fires, AK Team 2, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 33,100 acres, 14% contained.

Himalaya Road – RM Team 2, managing Aggie Creek, minimal behavior, chaparral, residences and infrastructure threatened, 6,194 acres, 12% contained.

Aggie Creek – Moderate behavior, chaparral and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, 35,146 acres, 2% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 9 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 4, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 11,750 acres, 0% contained.

Laguna – SW Team 1, minimal behavior, 300 acres growth, timber and brush, 16,000 acres, 44% contained.

Billy – Moderate behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 1,200 acres, 2% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Andy Snyder)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Sunday)

- Elevated to critical fire weather is likely today from the Columbia Basin into northern Idaho as dry westerly flow increases further this afternoon
- An upper low tracking in from Baja will bring an increase in wetter thunderstorms across the eastern Great Basin and Arizona into Colorado and New Mexico today as conditions dry out over western Arizona – this drying trend will expand north and east over the weekend
- Fringes of the deeper moisture in northern Nevada and Utah into southeast Idaho and adjacent areas may continue to see dry thunderstorms capable of new ignitions and erratic outflow winds
- The Southern California mountains will see scattered mixed wet/dry storms pop up again today, as well
- Drier and warmer weather will return to parts of the northern Rockies this weekend, but fast-moving thunderstorms are expected over southern Montana and northern Wyoming Sunday
- Most of the Intermountain West will be dry and breezy Sunday, resulting in increasing significant fire potential

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Breezy/dry southwesterly winds for the Great Basin, Wyoming, West Slope, and Arizona Monday, with the strongest winds and high-risk significant fire potential in the eastern Sierra to western Great Basin
- Cool with scattered light showers in the Northwest/northern Rockies early next week before warming/drying later in the week
- After a brief return of the monsoon early next week in eastern Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico, very dry conditions return west of the Divide late next week, with only isolated wet thunderstorms east of the Divide
- Drier in much of the Southern Area, with extreme heat possible from the southern/central Plains to the Ohio/Tennessee Valleys late next week and next weekend
- Moist, southwest flow will arrive in Alaska early next week significantly curtailing fire potential with wetting rain for most of the state



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

ERCs slightly worse in southern GB.

Grand Canyon trend will drop off for 4-5 days then see increasing ERCs.

New England and southern TX showing slightly elevated ERCs that will be monitored for activity.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	3
VLAT		4	
MAFFS		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		28	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	93	10	
HELO TYPE1	75	0	
HELO TYPE2	38	1	
HELO TYPE3	49	9	
LARGE TRANS			4 IHCs demobing to NW today from AK, 4 more on Sunday 10 CA.
CIMT	19	11	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	61	3	
CREW TYPE 2IA	130	4	
CREW TYPE 2	252	100	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	69	133	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	28	22	
RAPPELERS		97	
CATERERS	18	9	
SHOWERS	31	21	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	28
TANKER	2 (time of day)
HELO	6
AIR ATTACK	
IR	18 (cloud cover)
UAS	
SCOOPER	2 preposition
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	12 T1
ENGINES	4
OVERHEAD	93 (dispatch, HEQB, TFLD)
PENDING	117 overhead, 39 engines, 45 T1/T2IA crews, 5 T2 crews, 10 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Initiated MAC group. Forsyth received $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of rain, transitioning to local T3 IMT.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Converted to modified suppression.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Structure fire at McKenzie River ranger station, will impact T2 IA crew and resources.
- Eastern Area: FDNY T3 IMT roster will be slightly smaller, some resources joining NIMO on Bear Gulch.
- Southwest: Light IA.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Gearing up for surge team #3 crew swap.
- Rocky Mountain: Moderating weather yesterday, assessing long term needs. Making scoopers available for Ute 63. Requesting T1 and T2IA crews to eliminate crews off the board.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: 880 spot fire, reassigning resources from other incidents.
- SOPs: 1,600 lightning strikes yesterday, maintaining IA resources.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Surge package #3 assigned to Cram, looking to reassign in the next couple of days.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

BIA moving air attack from AZ to Moses Lake on 7/20.
T1 helicopter out of NW to RM was diverted to Board Shanty, NW looking for replacement.
NOPS/SOPS working on T2 helicopter exchange to send one to RM.
NR NPS will report rappellers with all other agencies.
SMKJ opened base in Porterville, CA yesterday with 8 SMKJ.
1 T2IA crew from PA mobilizing to RM.
2 IHC available in SW, requesting to keep them for Dragon Bravo prior to moving north.
Supplementing GAs with T2 crews working well.
NR has 2 T2IA crews would like to keep, will make 3 IHCs available nationally tomorrow.
NW 1 IHC moving to Willamette to cover IA area surrounding McKenzie Bridge fire office area.
NW will have 2 T2IA crews available tomorrow.
6 T1/T2IA crews in NOPS.
2 T2IA crews in SOPS, will keep them there.
GB has 5 crews coming up over the next week.
Jet #2 coming back from AK today with NW crews, jet #3 coming back on Sunday with NOPS/SOPS crews.
1 short team committed in Canada, demobilizing to US on 7/22.
Marble Complex and Forsyth transitioned to local units today.
Orleans Complex will submit replacement CIMT request.
National CIMT rotation: SW, GB, NW, NR
National surge package #2 in SOPS for IA, working on crew swap.
National surge package #3 assigned to Cram, working on crew swap plan.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

EA planning efforts for leadership to attend Dragon Bravo incident.

International – Sean Peterson

NTR

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

NTR

Administration

PL – 4 (4.45)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Safety

USDA planned network cutover on Monday evening may impact FS enterprise sites, verifying information.
Setting up weekly touch point with department for future planned outages.
Significant operational impacts will be communicated out to the field next week.

Aviation

FS UAS program leads offering to add UAS module to national surge packages.
Surge TFLD must have firing boss qualifications.
Recommend adding UAS module to surge package #3 during re-crew.
Concern with UAS being pulled from IA capacity by attaching to surge.
NMAC Ops will check in with surge packages 2 and 3 TFLD and IC regarding their desire for adding a UAS module and report back.

Mike Reid will present interagency aviation briefing on Tuesday, 7/22.

Intel

IMSR is a handmade document, uploaded to the NIFC open data site.
Each heading on the IMSR map is an NWCG-defined data point.
Currently no NWCG definitions for comp or full suppression.
Full suppression incidents must be outlined on 209s.
Comp fires are not identified on the IMSR map, due to no solid NWCG definition, increased workload, and conflicting ideas regarding what constitutes as a comp fire.
Must identify definition and have map developers create a toggle to add comp fires.
No distinction between suppression and full suppression.
Do not remove comp/full suppression statement at the top of the IMSR.
Option for suppression strategies to be added to the IMSR narratives.
Option to broaden the statement at the top of the IMSR to include tactics/strategies.
Intel will present several options on Monday 7/21.

