

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 21, 2025

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Andy Snyder /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: Josh Simmons	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ Weather: Andy Snyder
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☐ External Affairs: Rebecca Paterson	☒ 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: Hans Ohme	☒ 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: Kevin Conn, Russ Babiak, Shane Santos, Perry Breitenstein, Maj Brian West, Troy Phelps, Jason Bruce, Justin Gilman, Jan Johnson, Ryan Sundberg, Colton Herrera, Mike Henry, Gordon Sachs, Penny States, Col Jason Little, Beau Dobberstein, Lindsey Lewis, Caleb Ashby, Robert Dukart, Nate Hesse, Jose Lopez, John Mckee, Mike Rubenstein, Rich Cowger, TJ Gagnon

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 22 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, 298 new starts, 39 uncontained large fires, 21 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 404 crews, 812 engines, 18,000 personnel assigned.

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

Orleans Complex – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 17,115 acres, 6% contained.

Green – CA Team 10 TOC CA Team 3 today, moderate behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, 19,000 acres, 51% contained.

Marble Complex – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 747 acres, 70% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 11 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires, 8 CIMTs, 1 NIMO.

Butte Creek – NW Team 3, active behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 2,000 acres, 5% contained.

Burdoin – NW Team 13, active behavior, light fuels and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,776 acres, 0% contained.

Grizzly Complex – ODF Team 3, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 887 acres, 90% contained.

Board Shanty – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 470 acres, 14% contained.

Elk – ODF Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, no perimeter growth, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,600 acres, 88% contained.

Hagelstein – ODF Team 1, moderate behavior, no perimeter growth, timber, infrastructure threatened, 669 acres, 45% contained.

Cram – NW Team 10, moderate behavior, 24 acres growth, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 95,778 acres, 73% contained.

Bear Gulch – NIMO Team 2, active behavior, timber, 684 acres, 19% contained.

Lake Spokane – NW Team 2 mobilizing, timber and brush, active behavior, structures threatened, evacuations, 1,255 acres, 1% contained.

Hope – NW Team 8, minimal behavior, no perimeter growth, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 7,891 acres, 45% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 12, limited perimeter growth, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 3,300 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 3 uncontained large fires, no issues or concerns, all fires in demob status.

Great Basin: PL4, light IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, multiple spots, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 9,483 acres, 0% contained.

Deer Creek – GB Team 4, moderate behavior, timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 17,123 acres, 30% contained.

Forsyth – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 15,662 acres, 95% contained.

White Sage – GB Team 6, moderate behavior, timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, 58,850 acres, 33% contained.

Cat Canyon – DoD, light fuels, active behavior, not staffed, structures threatened, 1,100 acres, 0% completed.

Gold – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,200 acres, 15% contained.

MM 65 I84 – 8,902 acres, 100% contained.



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Southern Area: PL1, light IA, large fire in GA over the weekend already 95% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 6 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Turner Gulch – RM Team 1, managing Wright Draw, minimal behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, 15,737 acres, 34% contained.

Wright Draw – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, 466 acres, 51% contained.

South Rim – RM Team 3, active behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 4,220 acres, 31% contained.

Ute 63 – CA Team 2, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, residences threatened, 530 acres, 34% contained.

Cottonwood Flat – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 310 acres, 65% contained.

Sowbelly – Minimal behavior, brush, 2,200 acres, 70% contained.

Alaska: PL3, 2 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Nenana Ridge Complex – AK Team 2, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 33,000 acres, 18% contained.

Himalaya Road – RM Team 2, managing Aggie Creek, moderate behavior, chaparral, residences and infrastructure threatened, 6,194 acres, 19% contained.

Aggie Creek – Moderate behavior, chaparral and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, 35,146 acres, 5% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 6 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 4, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 12,600 acres, 8% contained.

Laguna – SW Team 1, moderate behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 16,700 acres, 55% contained.

Billy – Moderate behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, 1,400 acres, 6% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Andy Snyder)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Wednesday)

- Critical fire weather and high-risk significant fire potential will be likely today across northeastern California into Nevada, western Utah and eastern Idaho, with decreasing winds but elevated conditions shifting farther south Tuesday and Wednesday
- Notably drier air will continue for the central and southern Intermountain West through mid-week, with poor recoveries leading to extending burn periods
- Cool and wet in the Northwest today then warmer and drier mid-week
- A slight increase in monsoonal showers and storms is expected for the Four Corners today, with a drying trend Tuesday into Wednesday from west to east
- Spotty dry or mixed/wet dry thunderstorms could form over the mountains of far northern California and southern Oregon into western and northern Nevada late Wednesday into Wednesday night
- Showery weather eases fire concerns across Alaska, with some elevated conditions in lee-side Hawai'i through Wednesday

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Thunderstorms increase from northern California into Oregon and Nevada Thursday and trend wetter Friday, possibly expanding to include Idaho and western Montana this weekend and next week
- Very dry air with poor overnight recoveries for the rest of the Interior West through the period, with significant impacts to fuels by this weekend into next week
- Monsoon wanes in eastern Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico, then very dry conditions return west of the Divide late this week, with limited thunderstorm chances near/east of the Divide – timing uncertain on the next push of monsoonal moisture
- Extreme heat builds across the Southern Plains and expands west and north through the Rockies and Interior West this weekend into next week, but the West Coast likely remains milder until early August
- Unsettled pattern continues through late week for Alaska, with some flooding concerns for the Brooks Range and Alaska Range, but the eastern Interior sees lower rainfall amounts and warming/drying trends this weekend
- Weak tropical wave near the Gulf Coast this week, with some additional flooding; tropics otherwise inactive until August



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Improved conditions through the NW.

SW conditions have improved temporarily.

GB indices are climbing with increased fire danger potential.

Conditions improving in the NR for the first part of the week.

SOPS maintaining level fire danger potential.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		26	4
VLAT		4	
MAFFS		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		28	
LEAD ASM		14	
SEAT	93	10	
HELO TYPE1	75	0	
HELO TYPE2	38	2	
HELO TYPE3	49	4	
LARGE TRANS			Demobilized 4 crews yesterday from AK to CA.
CIMT	21	8	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	67	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	125	3	
CREW TYPE 2	254	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	18	158	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	60	29	
RAPPELERS		90	
CATERERS	17	10	
SHOWERS	32	15	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	34
TANKER	
HELO	12
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	17
UAS	1
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	18 T1/T2IA
ENGINES	24
OVERHEAD	179 (HEQB, SOF, dispatch, SEC)
PENDING	105 overhead, 27 engines, 19 T1/T2IA crews, 6 T2 crews, 2 T2 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: AK jump ship headed to lower 48 by the end of the week. Looking at DRP employee process for fire assignments.
- Great Basin: CIMT available today, 1 CIMT available Thursday.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: Looking at DRP employee process for fire assignments.
- Alaska: Last MAC group call today, AAR on Wednesday.
- Southern Area: Coordinating Group approved CIMT coming back into rotation off break, will stand up 3 CIMTs.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Good catches over the weekend, reporting light rain in portions of the GA today.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: Exporting resources.
- Southwest: Light IA.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Reduction in state-to-state requests, preparing for surge package resource backfill.
- Rocky Mountain: Looking good on team fires, Ute 63 expecting TOC to local unit on Thursday. Working to shift prepositioned resources north to WY.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: High level officials met on Dragon Bravo on Saturday. Monitoring Bear Gulch creeping onto park land.
- NOPs: Orleans Complex concerned with upcoming crew cliff, plan put together.
- SOPs: ?? fire no fed resources assigned at this time, TOC back to local unit.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Ute 63 fire expecting to be wrapped up in the next couple of days, CA Team 2 will be available for reassignment. Firefighter missing person report filed in NV, person found this morning.
- NW: Maintaining PL3 as long as possible, light IA. Lake Spokane, NW Team 2 in brief tomorrow. Butte Creek, NW Team 3 in brief last night. Grizzly Complex TOC local unit this morning. Cram fire moving NW Team 10 to Pomas. Hope planning TOC T3 IMT on Thursday. 1 CIMT available, surge package well utilized, assigned to 5 incidents while in GACC.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

Aviation

UAS has 100 pilots and 22 UMODs assigned nationally, almost at full capacity.
Additional scoopers may be released from AK this week.
Monitoring MAFFS utilization, potential for moving to different base.
Dash 8 may bring SMKJ down from AK later this week.
One rappel ship moved from NOPS to CO.

Crews

2 IHCs mobilizing to NW, 2 to GB, and 3 staying in NOPS.
6 T2IA crews available. 2 will stay in SW, 1 will stay in the NW, 1 from RM to GB, 1 from NR to NW, 1 from NR to GB.

CIMTs

CA short team traveling home from Canada tomorrow.
6 CIMTs available on national rotation this week.
Ute 63 will transition CA Team 2 at 0600 on 7/24 back to local unit. Checking with RM to see if they have interest in a regionally prepositioned team.
Several CIMTs hitting day 10 tomorrow or Wednesday, all incidents will be going to T3 with the exception of Dragon Bravo.
National rotation 7/17-7/23: SW, GB, NW, NR, CA, SA

National Surge Package

Surge #2 will remain on San Bernadino NF until crew swaps are complete. No pending orders currently.
Surge #3 have started crew swap, LWD of 7/24 for current roster. New ICT3 and trainee have been secured.
Suggest maintaining 2 TFLD, due to span of control with 60-person task force.
Suggest adding a logistics or micro-purchaser to the task force.
Air to ground frequency was changed during IA without disseminating information to the task force yesterday resulting in member being hit with retardant drop. Potential for SafeCom.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

EA reports media continues to investigate DRP impacts on available firefighting resources.

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5
600 international firefighters supporting Canada.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.58)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Aviation - MAFFS

MAFFS currently at 15-67% flight time capacity.

Recommend moving MAFFS to a more centralized location such as Medford, Boise, or Cedar City.

Concern with cost of moving out of Channel Islands.

MAFFS can maintain current base and RON away for 2-3 days at a time.

Consider Klamath Falls.

CO will rotate in Wednesday and NV is rotating out Thursday.

Leave MAFFs in place for now, revisit Tuesday.

Intel

Concern with misunderstanding of comp fires.

Option 1 – Rewrite top IMSR sentence to include suppression tactics as well as comp tactics and objectives.

Option 2 – Add suppression strategies to each of the large fire narratives through the IMSR.

-Increased workload would require a second intel night shift person through the summer.

Less than 10% of all fires reported on the IMSR are comp fires.

“Understanding the IMSR” document has been updated for clarity.

Option 2 would create transparency of activities actually occurring on the fires.

Map layers could be added to the website with NWCG-approved definitions, NOC bandwidth, etc.

Revisit in exec.

Surge Package #3

2 TFLD assigned, working through crew swap.

Logistics T3 or micro purchaser recommended by current IC.

Recommend splitting the 60-person IA surge package into 2 parts.

NMAC Ops will assist the task force in embedding with the geographic incident business to provide logistics

and purchasing needs. Will revisit if the local unit becomes overburdened.

Teams

Consider actively managing national rotation to level assignments across CIMTs.

NR does not have a #1 slot for the remainder of the core fire season.

Aitor will discuss with NR.

Monitor the national rotation weekly for the next 10 days.

Recommend moving NR to the #1 slot for each of the weeks they are in the rotation until the teams get assigned.

Intent will be shared with CGAC during the meeting on 7/30.

First Day of Assignment

NISRM definition of first official day of assignment is causing differentiating ideas.

Some GAs will be requesting a 1-day extension to ensure the CIMTs are in command for a full 14-day assignment.

NISRM guidance should be followed.

Recommend submitting NISRM change request for 2026.

All extension requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

