

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 22, 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: Caleb Ashby	☒ IAFC: Erik Litzenberg
☒ BLM Aviation: Mike Reid	☐ 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: Annie Benoit	☒ Rappel: Adam Kahler	☒ IR: Rachel Hansen
☒ BAER: Lou Ballard	☒ NMAC Operations: Kat Sorenson	☒ Intel: Megan Kephart
☒ CGAC: Jay Kurth	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ IMTs: Travis Bailey

Additional Attendees: Kevin Conn, Jeff Walther, Russ Babiak, Scott Mayer, Bennett Courneyor, Andy Snyder, Ryan Jones, Beau Dobberstein, Mike Mattfeldt, Col Jason Little, Justin Gilman, Mike Henry, Colton Herrera, Jan Johnson, Jose Lopez, Maj Brian West, Don Pyrah, Rich Cowger, Ryan Sundberg, Penny States, Robert Dukart, Nate Hesse, Megan Heffentrager, Eric Coulter, TJ Gagnon, John Mckee, Chris St. Pierre, Paul Linse

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 23 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 35 uncontained large fires, 21 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 2 MAFFS, 362 crews, 847 engines, 146 helicopters, 16,672 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Orleans Complex – CA Team 1, CA Team 4 mobilizing, active behavior, structures threatened, 17,850 acres, 6% contained.

Green – CA Team 3, minimal behavior, no perimeter growth, brush and timber, residences threatened, 19,000 acres, 54% contained.

Northwest: PL3, light IA, 11 uncontained large fires, 8 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Butte Creek – NW Team 3, managing Cram, active behavior, light fuels, scattered heat along perimeter, structures threatened, 2,000 acres, 30% contained.

Cram – Timber, 95,748 acres, 3% contained.

Burdoin – NW Team 13, active behavior, areas of scattered intense heat, light fuels and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 11,000 acres, 0% contained,

Grizzly Complex – ODF Team 3 TOC local unit today, managing Board Shanty, minimal behavior, timber, 887 acres, 90% contained.

Elk – ODF Team 1 TOC local unit tomorrow, managing Hagelstein, minimal behavior, timber, 2,600 acres, 90% contained.

Hagelstein – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, infrastructure threatened, 669 acres, 62% contained.

Lake Spokane – NW Team 2 mobilizing, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,300 acres, 15% contained.

Hope – NW Team 8, minimal behavior, timber, 7,891 acres, 55% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 12, NW Team 10 mobilizing, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

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

Greeley Heights – 381 acres, 100% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 20 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Fay – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 648 acres, 78% contained.

Dale – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 1,096 acres, 95% contained.

Max – 426 acres, 100% contained.

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

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 9,700 acres, 3% contained.

Deer Creek – UT state, GB Team 4, TOC NV T3 IMT on Friday, minimal behavior, timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 17,123 acres, 54% contained.

White Sage – GB Team 6, completing complexity analysis, moderate behavior, timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, 59,000 acres, 44% contained.

Cat Canyon – DoD, active behavior, 16,000 acres, unstaffed.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, light IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Pa Butte – County, light fuels, 430 acres.

First Creek – 100 acres.



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Turner Gulch – RM Team 1, managing Wright Draw, minimal behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, 15,600 acres, 34% contained.

Wright Draw – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, 466 acres, 70% contained.

South Rim – RM Team 3, minimal behavior, no perimeter growth, brush and timber, structures threatened, 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, 80% contained.

Alaska: PL3, no new starts, received rain on large fires, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Nenana Ridge Complex – 2 fires, AK Team 2, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, received precipitation, 33,100 acres, 18% contained.

Himalaya Road – RM Team 2, managing Aggie Creek, minimal behavior, light fuels, received precipitation, residences and infrastructure threatened, 6,194 acres, 39% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 7 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 4, active behavior, firing operations, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 13,662 acres, 18% contained.

Billy – Moderate behavior, steep and rugged terrain, brush, structures threatened, 1,700 acres, 6% contained.

Laguna – SW Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 16,800 acres, 55% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Thursday)

- Below average temperatures in most of the West today, but northern areas and the Southwest trend warmer tomorrow and Thursday as California and Nevada remain cooler
- Westerly Cascade gap winds return on Thursday, resulting in elevating fire weather concerns
- Monsoonal thunderstorms decrease each day and shift east towards the Divide tomorrow and Thursday, with flash flood risks continuing in New Mexico
- Thunderstorms isolated in the northern/central Intermountain West today into Wednesday but become more numerous with abundant lightning Thursday from northern California, including the Sierra, into northern Nevada, southeast Oregon and southern Idaho
- Humidity trends drier each day with worsening overnight recoveries for most of the Intermountain West; breeziness shifts south today and tomorrow but expands over most of the region Thursday
- Extreme heat persists in most of the Mississippi Valley as flash flooding targets the Upper Midwest and coastal Southeast

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- Thunderstorms continue from northern California into Oregon and Nevada but trend wetter Friday, possibly expanding to include Idaho and western Montana this weekend and next week, with decreasing coverage and moisture 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; critical winds possible for the Four Corners Friday and especially this weekend
- 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 – monsoonal moisture should increase later next week
- 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
- 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 (Ryan Jones)

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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	3
VLAT		3	1
MAFFS		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		29	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	93	10	
HELO TYPE1	75	2	
HELO TYPE2	38	2	
HELO TYPE3	49	4	
LARGE TRANS			Load of crews coming back from AK
CIMT	21	9	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	71	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	127	2	
CREW TYPE 2	221	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	64	154	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	17	23	
RAPPELERS		96	
CATERERS	15	11	
SHOWERS		16	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	18
TANKER	
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	
IR	15
UAS	1
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	9 T1/T2 IA
ENGINES	13
OVERHEAD	TFLD
PENDING	61 overhead, 16 engines, 4 T1/T2 IA crews, 5 T2 crews, 2 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: PL4, moving to PL3 tomorrow, MAC support will remain in place with weekly meetings.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: MAC AAR will be held tomorrow, discussing making additional resources available for the lower 48.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Light IA, discussing PL but likely to stay at PL3.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NV T3 IMT mobilizing to Deer Creek. State-to-state ordering has been light the last few days.
- Rocky Mountain: Complex of concern looking good, right-sizing resources. Uptick in activity in WY.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Preparing for the weather and predicted fire boom.
- SOPs: Preparing to support NOPS with additional IA resources.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: NTR



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Crews

2 IHC available in NOPS, 1 to SW and 1 to GB.

2 IHC available in CO for IA.

T2 IA ordering is light, 1 available and remaining in SW.

CIMTs

6 CIMTs available on this week's national rotation.

Anticipating Dragon Bravo CIMT replacement request.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 times out on 7/24.

Zuni SMOD flying home for 3 days R&R then returning to central OR.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC remains at PL5 with 566 active fires.

All US personnel demobilizing home today.

Australia meteorologist will be at NICC starting 7/28.

Administration

PL – 4

GACC Priority: NW, GB, NOPS

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Aviation – MAFFS

MAFFS have not flown in SOPS for several days.

Recommend moving the 2 MAFFS to Klamath Falls on 7/23 during wing swap. -Support

CO Springs personnel and 1 aircraft will position in Klamath Falls 7/23 for activation on 7/24 with one additional tail flying up on 7/24.

NMAC Ops will follow up with NW on placement support and order.

National aviation managers have been tasked with becoming better aligned across agencies.

Looking at updates for all pre-season operation activities such as contracting, inspecting, and carding.

All operational impacts will be reported back to NMAC, though there likely won't be any prior to 2026.

Reviewing efficiencies in utilizing cooperators.

Concern with differences in restricted use platforms.

Considering the feasibility of supporting HI with LATs and other aviation resources.

Intel

Changing the IMSR introduction statement would be a short-term fix.

Proposed IMSR introduction statement will be reviewed by agency leadership.

Teams

Dragon Bravo will submit replacement request 7/22.

SW intends to fill team request internally dependent on national rotation request timing.

