

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

July 24, 2025

1100-1300

| Topic                                      | Presenter(s)            | Purpose     |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| IMSR Update                                | Sean Peterson           | Information |
| Predictive Services Update                 | Andy Snyder /Ryan Jones | Information |
| Resource Update                            | Sean Peterson           | Information |
| Agency Business and Geographic Area Update | NMAC Representatives    | Information |
| Administration                             | Sean Peterson           | Information |

### Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chair:</b> Shane McDonald     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Co-Chair:</b> Chuck Russell       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MAC Coordinator:</b>                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>FWS/AK/SA:</b> Shane McDonald | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>USFS/EA/SW:</b> Russ Long         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>USFA/FEMA/NR:</b> Aitor Bidaburu    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BLM/GB:</b> Brad Sawyer       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NASF/RM:</b> Greg Smith           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NPS/CA:</b> Chuck Russell           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BIA/NW:</b> Josh Simmons      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NICC:</b> Sean Peterson           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Weather:</b> Andy Snyder            |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BLM Aviation:</b> Mike Reid   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BIA Aviation:</b> Robert Dodgen   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>USFS Aviation:</b> Beau Dobberstein |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NIIC-D:</b> Mark Hilton       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Cache:</b> Marcus Medina          | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DoD:</b> Martha Wilkins                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Crews:</b> Jeremy Sullens     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Smokejumpers:</b> Hans Ohme                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Airspace:</b> Kim Owczarzak                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OWF:</b> Annie Benoit         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Rappel:</b> Adam Kahler           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>IR:</b> Chris St. Pierre            |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CGAC:</b> Jay Kurth           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Note-taker:</b> Nicki Johnston    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>IMTs:</b> Travis Bailey             |

**Additional Attendees:** Jeff Walther, Kevin Conn, Russ Babiak, Shane Santos, Steve Larrabee, Jim Wallmann, Scott Mayer, Rubert Dukart, Jan Johnson, Maj Brian West, Troy Phelps, Persephone Whelan, Eric Coulter, Mike Rubenstein, Bennett Courneyor, John Mckee, Court Wallace, Penny States, Nate Hesse, Casey Teske, Jose Lopez

### NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 25 July 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 85 new starts, 33 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 2 MAFFS, 318 crews, 649 engines, 14,653 personnel assigned.

**North Ops:** PL3, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Orleans Complex – CA Team 1 TOC CA Team occur today, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 19,340 acres, 10% contained.

Green – CA Team 3, minimal behavior, scattered perimeter heat, brush, residences threatened, 19,022 acres, 60% contained.

**Northwest:** PL3, 15 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 6 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Burdoin – NW Team 3, moderate behavior, timber and grass, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 11,250 acres, 13% contained.

Lake Spokane – NW Team 2, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 2,487 acres, 16% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 12 TOC NW Team 10 today, moderate behavior, timber and grass, 3,444 acres, 0% contained.

Hope – WA DNR, NW Team 8 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber, 7,880 acres, 66% contained.

Bear Gulch – NIMO Team 2, active behavior, timber, 870 acres, 19% contained.

Butte Creek – NW Team 3, managing Cram, isolated perimeter heat, minimal behavior, grass and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 2,066 acres, 30% contained.

Cram – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 95,700 acres, 77% contained.

**South Ops:** PL3, 14 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Fay – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 648 acres, 93% contained.

**Great Basin:** PL3, 12 new starts, light IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, timber, structures and infrastructures threatened, evacuations, 10,240 acres, 9% contained.

Deer Creek – GB Team 4 TOC T3 IMT tomorrow, minimal behavior, isolated perimeter heat, chaparral and timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, 17,648 acres, 77% contained.

White Sage – GB Team 6 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, communities and infrastructures threatened, 59,065 acres, 64% contained.

**Southern Area:** PL1, 7 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

North Marsh – FWS, FL, received precipitation, moderate behavior, grass and southern rough, 4,000 acres, 80% contained.

**Rocky Mountain:** PL3, 9 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Turner Gulch – RM Team 1, managing Wright Draw, minimal behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, 17,750 acres, 41% contained.

Wright Draw – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, 466 acres, 89% contained.

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

Ute 63 – CA Team 2 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 530 acres, 95% contained.



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Pa Butte - County fire in WY, 432 acres, 100% contained.

**Alaska:** PL3, 1 new start, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Nenana Ridge Complex – AK Team 2 TOC local unit today, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, received precipitation, 33,000 acres, 28% contained.

Himalaya Road – RM Team 2, managing Aggie Creek, minimal behavior, chaparral and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 6,194 acres, 43% contained.

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

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 4, SW Team 2 mobilizing, active behavior, spotting and short crown runs, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 23,000 acres, 26% contained.

Billy – Minimal behavior, brush, structures threatened, 2,100 acres, 30% contained.

Laguna – SW Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 16,900 acres, 55% contained.

## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Andy Snyder)

#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Saturday)

- An accelerated drying trend is on track for most of the western interior into Saturday as abundant lightning targets northern California into parts of the northern Intermountain West each day
- Single-digit relative humidity will become more widespread through the end of the week for the central and southern Intermountain West, extending deeper into Colorado and New Mexico Friday and Saturday as the monsoon shuts down
- As fuels trend critically dry across the southwestern U.S. in this pattern change, increasing winds Friday and especially on Saturday may result in escaped containment and emerging lightning holdovers
- Look for increasing westerly Cascade gap winds today and tomorrow, resulting in locally elevated fire weather in the interior Northwest
- Triple-digit heat increases over the Southern Plains and coastal Southeast heading into the weekend

##### Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Thunderstorms continue from the northern Sierra and southern Cascades northeast into Montana Sunday, becoming more confined to the northern Rockies early next week
- Above normal temperatures from the Southeast and Southern Plains into the Intermountain West next week, with very dry conditions for the Great Basin and portions of the Inland Northwest much of next week
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms to continue across portions of the northwestern US early next week, with more widespread and possibly drier storms mid-next week focused on the Inland Northwest.
- A robust return to the monsoon is expected by mid to late next week for southern/eastern Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado, but mixed wet/dry storms are likely on the fringe from western Arizona into Utah and Wyoming
- Drying for Interior Alaska into early next week, with the most concern for the Yukon Flats which have received little rain this week



### Fuels Summary (Ryan Jones)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory has been consolidated and reissued for all of northern and eastern Nevada.



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## Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

| RESOURCE TYPE           | # COMMITTED | # AVAILABLE | # OFF                                      |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|
| LAT                     |             | 29          | 3                                          |
| VLAT                    |             | 3           | 1                                          |
| MAFFS                   |             | 1           |                                            |
| SCOOPER                 |             | 8           |                                            |
| AIR ATTACK              |             | 28          |                                            |
| LEAD ASM                |             | 12          |                                            |
| SEAT                    | 93          | 10          |                                            |
| HELO TYPE1              | 77          | 1           |                                            |
| HELO TYPE2              | 38          | 2           |                                            |
| HELO TYPE3              | 49          |             |                                            |
| LARGE TRANS             |             |             | Bringing 4 crews back from AK on Saturday. |
| CIMT                    | 19          | 10          |                                            |
| CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)       | 63          | 5           |                                            |
| CREW TYPE 2IA           | 118         | 13          |                                            |
| CREW TYPE 2             | 201         | 100s        |                                            |
| SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48) | 65          | 154         |                                            |
| SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)       | 7           | 22          |                                            |
| RAPPELERS               |             | 96          |                                            |
| CATERERS                | 16          | 12          |                                            |
| SHOWERS                 | 29          | 21          |                                            |

| UTF TYPE   | # Resource UTF                    |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| AIRCRAFT   | 8                                 |
| TANKER     |                                   |
| HELO       | 1                                 |
| AIR ATTACK |                                   |
| IR         | 7                                 |
| UAS        |                                   |
| SCOOPER    |                                   |
| LEAD/ASM   |                                   |
| CREWS      | 2T1, 1T2IA                        |
| ENGINES    | 3                                 |
| OVERHEAD   | 16                                |
| PENDING    | 27 overhead, 9 engines, 1 T2 crew |



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### **Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer**

- BLM: Smokejumper ship coming down from AK today.
- Great Basin: IA slowing down.

### **Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)**

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: AMAC group call yesterday, good discussions with WFDSS challenges identified. Reviewing PL tracker, utilized safety coordinator.
- Southern Area: NTR

### **Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)**

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Minimal activity, able to support other GAs.

### **Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)**

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Dragon Bravo activity continues.

### **Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)**

- NASF: NTR
- Rocky Mountain: NTR

### **Chuck Russell (NPS and California)**

- NPS: Continued intel support appreciated.
- NOPs: Critical need for short-haul and hoist capability.
- SOPs: NTR

### **Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)**

- BIA: Stolen NERV vehicle
- NW: Light IA. Snyder Canyon fire is new start, rugged terrain, will be priority. Firing operations on Lake Spokane incident. Continued issue with hay bale fire on Cram incident.



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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

#### MAFFS

MAFFS 5 is operational in Klamath Falls.

MAFFS 4 is fogged in this morning, planning to lift 1030PDT then transition to Klamath Falls.

#### Crews

Great capacity to fill any orders for preposition and IA.

#### Teams

Short team traveling home from Canada to CA today.

5 CIMTs available this week for the national rotation: AK, NW, SA, CA, SW

### NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

### International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5.

Continued extreme activity.

Critical need for crews and middle management positions.

### Safety – Persephone Whelan

Slight uptick in safety reports.

## Administration

PL – 4

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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## Admin Topics

### Preparedness Level

PL tracker is showing 4.53 going up, 2.73 going down.

Elevated conditions expected in an isolated area.

Consider assisting Canada if US activity continues to decrease.

Current activity and trajectory suggest PL3.

Recommend maintaining PL4 and revisit 7/25. -Support

### Aviation

Hoist and short-haul capability requested in CA.

NMAC Coordinator and FS meeting with DoD to discuss the potential and soft ask for the availability of hoist-capable military helicopters. -Revisit 7/25.

Next year will have 6 additional short-haul capable aircraft.

