

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

May 8, 2025

1000-1200

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
CIMT Data Call Results	Shane McDonald	Discussion
IWDG Charter	Jesse Bender	Discussion
Crew Coordinator Update	Jeremy Sullens	Discussion

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chair: Shane McDonald	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS/AK/SA: Eric Fransted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS/EA/SW: Beale Monday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brad Sawyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Jesse Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Maegan Maughan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crews: Jeremy Sullens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intel: Megan Kephart
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Jessica Gardetto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/> BAER: Lou Ballard

Additional Attendees: Shane Santos, Russ Long, Ryan Sundberg, Erik Litzenberg, Scott Mayer

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 12 May 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Maegan Maughan)

PL1, light IA, 712 new fires, 12 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 12 crews, 90 engines, 14 helicopters, 914 personnel assigned.

Northern Rockies: PL1, 11 new fires, 2 uncontained large fires, increased IA in ND.

Sawlog – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, structures threatened, 1,500 acres, 10% contained.

Big Creek - New fire in Bitterroot, crews hiking in to locate.

Pouch Point – BIA, moderate behavior, grass and timber, 2,000 acres, 80% contained.

BIA #4 – ND BIA, 200 acres.

Southern Area: PL2, 162 new fires, 5 uncontained large fires.

Sunset Road – NC FS, NC Team 2, chaparral, moderate behavior, 1,300 acres, 27% contained.

Black Swamp – NC FS, chaparral, minimal behavior, 950 acres, 70% contained.

Avon Park – Moderate behavior, grass and timber, received precipitation, 5,000 acres, 80% contained.

Johnson – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 8,300 acres, 65% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, moderate IA, 345 new fires, 2 uncontained large fires, increased IA in MN.

Hammond Rocks – Timber, 470 acres, 92% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 19 new fires, 2 uncontained large fires.

Stronghold – AZ, light fuels, minimal behavior, 2,100 acres, 85% contained.

Iron – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 900 acres, 10% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Isolated thunderstorms in today, with high-risk significant fire potential due to small rain cores and lightning outside the cores producing new ignitions, with an increasing chance for wetting rain late this week
- Breezy/dry south winds in portions of the Dakotas and Minnesota today creating elevated conditions, followed by lighter winds but continued mild and dry conditions through Friday
- Widespread showers and isolated thunderstorms in the Rockies and Southwest today, with isolated showers and thunderstorms continuing in the Greater Four Corners through Wednesday
- Temperatures rising to well above normal in California, Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies late this week, with minimum RH falling to the teens

Long-term (Saturday through next Wednesday)

- Very warm in the northern Plains and Upper Midwest this weekend into early next week with increasing southerly winds elevating fire potential, possibly high-risk at times
- A wetter pattern is expected along the southeast Atlantic coast and Florida with decreasing fire potential, although rain for the North Carolina coast is more uncertain
- Warm, dry, and breezy for the Intermountain West with initial attack possibly increasing, but significant fire potential likely to remain low
- Another period of precipitation for the northern half of the West early next week, with the heaviest precipitation possible in portions of the northern Rockies



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Fire danger has moderated in southern states.

Potential outbreak conditions through MN.

Eastern MT at 90th percentile ERCs.

High heat across most of the west expected with potential precipitation.

Entering drying trend in the SW.



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Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		14	
VLAT		1	
SCOOPER		2	
AIR ATTACK		11	
LEAD ASM		3	
SEAT	38	42	
HELO TYPE1	9	63	
HELO TYPE2	2	53	
HELO TYPE3	23	30	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	1	17	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	15	10	
CREW TYPE 2IA	10	27	
CREW TYPE 2	6	400+	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)		4	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		16	
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	2	7	
SHOWERS	2	51	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	4
OVERHEAD	8
PENDING	7 aircraft



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Ben Newburn acting Regional Forester.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area) – Eric Fransted

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Focused on rookie training and preparedness reviews.
- Southern Area: No needs.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: Watching potential for flooding in Southern Area. DHS expects much higher commitment of DoD along the border in the future.
- Northern Rockies: T3 IMT assigned to Sawlog. Escaped RX declared wildfire in Nez Perce Clearwater NF being handled locally, 100 acres.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest) – Beale Monday

- FS: Russ and Sean traveling back from CO and DoD meeting. Potential for FS reorganization to come out next week.
- Eastern Area: Largest concern with MN. CIMT available tomorrow, BUYT pre-season meeting today. Steve Miller will be interim Coordinating Group chair.
- Southwest: Concern with lack of meteorologist, website manager position will become vacant in the coming weeks. Lacking critical support positions. Several airspace incursions in the SW.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Shifting resources to support ND. WA DNR fire is under investigation.
- Rocky Mountain: Going through warming trend, crews coming on, recent rain helping with green up.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: Chuck at FMLB meeting.
- NOPs: Increase in IA, ongoing RX, supporting SW. CWCG discussed Governor's EO, Cal Fire and OES taking the lead. Discussions on combining of NOPS and SOPS into one GA with two GACCs. Concern with rumors that Finance Section Chiefs must be from the same agency the fire is on.
- SOPs: Increase in IA, 1,700-acre Spring Fire.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Crews coming available starting this week.
- NW: Light IA, Wineca fire has no concerns, 5 IHCs on board, 7 CIMTs, aviation assets coming online starting Monday.



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Admin Topics

CIMT Data Call Results

Revisit in Exec.

IWDG Charter

Discussion on comments received on draft.

Intent to get all NMAC in agreement before broadening review by agencies.

Revisit Monday, May 12.

Crew Coordinator Update

300,000 crew fills over the last 10 years.

Binary calculations for date crew was assigned.

Only looked at T1 and T2 IA crews.

5 day running average that shows the number associated with a band of standard deviation data.

Can visualize the relativity of crew commitment for each GA.

Historically, SOPS sends many crews out of GA.

Looking at percentage of total crew commitment allows various years to be compared.

Goal to utilize historical data for NMAC to create parameters to balance and allocate crews within the data bounds.

The Crew Coordinator and NICC would maintain close communication and relationships with the GACCs and allocate the crews independently unless NMAC's decision was required.

At any point, NMAC can redirect crew decision making to realign the bounds.

Utilize data set as a sideboard for double-checking decision making and looking at deviation from the norm.

Data would include solid line that tracks current crew allocations on top of the historical data as well as a dashed line that shows the glidepath.

Consider how NMAC wants to operate in regard to crew allocations moving forward.

Jeremy will continue creating the data charts and draft a paragraph describing the historical data graph, NMAC will review the questions.

Revisit May 15.

Draft Letter to IMRR

Revisit Monday, May 12.

