

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

May 22, 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
MAFFS Quick Strike Concept Briefing	Chris Tipton/Leslie Casavan/Justin Bohannon	Discussion
Helicopter Retardant Deliver during IA Briefing	Chris Tipton	Discussion
IMRR	Shane McDonald	Discussion
NMAC IA Task Force/Surge SOPs	Chuck Russell	Discussion
Replacement CIMT Discussion	Aitor Bidaburu	Discussion

### Attendees:

<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> Brian Achziger	<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> Jim Wallmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Fuels:</b> Steve Larrabee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>External Affairs:</b> Stanton Florea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>USFS Aviation:</b> Chris Tipton
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OWF:</b> Jessica Gardetto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Note-taker:</b> Nicki Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BAER:</b> Lou Ballard

**Additional Attendees:** Brad Sawyer, Eric Fransted, Jeff Walther, Beale Monday, Shane Santos, Mike Rubenstein, Erik Litzenberg, Leslie Casavan, Justin Bohannon, Elaina Lapaz, Ryan Sundberg, Lessa Peter, Anne Jewell

### NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 27 May 2025, 1000-1200



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## IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL2, light IA, 446 new fires, 8 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs, 27 crews, 74 engines, 15 helicopters, 1,500 personnel assigned.

**South Ops:** PL2, moderate IA, 32 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Democrat – 100% contained.

Jaw – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 4,100 acres, 60% contained.

**Southern Area:** PL1, light IA, dry conditions continue in FL.

Green Gate – FL state, active behavior, southern rough, 350 acres, 75% contained.

**Eastern Area:** PL3, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Camp House – EA Team 1, MN DNR, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 12,100 acres, 73% contained.

Jenkins Creek – Minimal behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 16,750 acres, 13% contained.

**Southwest:** PL3, light IA, 4 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Cody – SW Team 4 mobilizing, extreme behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Broadway – Active behavior, chaparral, structures threatened, 800 acres, 0% contained.

Greer – SW Team 3 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels, 20,800 acres, 88% contained.

Blind – Minimal behavior, timber and grass, 6,300 acres, 90% contained.



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## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Monday)

- Breezy southwest winds and very low RH for the southern Great Basin, West Slope, and Southwest through Saturday, with critical conditions and new significant fires most likely in the Southwest where fuels are driest
- Continued dry in the Upper Midwest, with locally breezy northerly winds today, but winds overall are likely to remain light
- Showers in the northern half of the West today followed by increasing temperatures for the holiday weekend
- Dry in Florida except for scattered wet thunderstorms in South Florida through tomorrow, with fire potential to decrease in South Texas over the weekend due to increasing moisture and thunderstorms
- Mild and dry for Alaska through Saturday, with isolated thunderstorms over the Interior late Sunday into Monday

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

- Continued dry in the Midwest with elevated background potential and possible winds late next week
- Above normal temperatures are expected in the West, but areas of precipitation are more uncertain
- The favored idea will bring warmer temperatures to the northern half of the West, but wetter conditions to New Mexico, with mixed wet/dry thunderstorms in eastern Arizona
- Wetter conditions mid-next week for the southern Plains, Florida, and southeast Atlantic coast reducing potential



### Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory active for White Mountains/Gila Region South-Central NM Mountains.

CA at lower elevations beginning to cure, seeing increase in grass fires.

Annuals starting to cure in Snake River and Columbia basins.

Elevated ERCs continue in FL.

Conditions will continue to be dry in SW, trending back up to the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for ERCs.



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## Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		17	
VLAT		2	
SCOOPER		6	
AIR ATTACK		15	
LEAD ASM		6	
SEAT	31	50	
HELO TYPE1	11	80	
HELO TYPE2	11	46	
HELO TYPE3	22	29	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	3	22	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	11	22	
CREW TYPE 2IA	31	29	
CREW TYPE 2	18	Several hundred	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	31	49	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		19	
RAPPELERS	4		
CATERERS	1	11	
SHOWERS	1	52	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	2 VLAT
HELO	1
AIR ATTACK	
IR	2
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	2
OVERHEAD	11
PENDING	

24 aircraft, 15 crews, 73 pieces of equipment, 850 overhead resources assigned to RX.



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: Approved CIMT Coordinator position in the NICC, received approval for reclassification for NICC GS-14 Program Manager Meteorologist.
- Great Basin: Smokejumpers completed rookie training.

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

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Crews and smokejumpers available.
- Southern Area: Expecting increase in activity, assessing storm damage, requesting to hold resources.

### Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: Opening Fire Academy and FEMA schools for in-person classes.
- Northern Rockies: Coordinating Group call this week went well.

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

- FS: Working to restore government purchase cards, FAM IT working to keep applications funded and functioning, information being requested by leadership and Department regarding current fire activity.
- Eastern Area: Downsizing Jenkins Creek and Camp House incidents, will be requesting NIMO support behind CIMT.
- Southwest: Cody incident saw additional evacuations and strong aviation response, team in briefing today. Coordinating Group call this week, heavily discussed aviation allocation.

### Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Scheduling meetings with the regions to discuss surge capabilities.
- Rocky Mountain: Supporting other GAs with resources.

### Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: Distributed memo regarding relaxing AA L-581 requirements, will be heavily relying on AREPs.
- NOPs:
- SOPs: Began 24-hour staffing due to increased IA and night operations.

### Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Shuffling aircraft due to increased IA, reviewing DRP impacts, working through severity requests.
- NW: Increasing resources available, 9 IHCs available, moving rappel ship to SOPs, 2 additional rappel ships coming on next week. Monitoring incoming weather.

### International

CIFFC at PL3

84 active large fires.

Meeting weekly with CIFFC and NICC, including Australia starting next week.

## Administration

PL – 2

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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## Admin Topics

### MAFFS Quick Strike Concept Briefing

Aerial quick strike would issue annual RFA to rapidly mobilize for short durations in surge capacity or to move quicker for anticipated full activation,.

Time frame would include initial stand up day, 3 operational periods, then either demob day or full activation with full compliment.

Support

### Helicopter Retardant Deliver during IA Briefing

Helicopters will be taking retardant out on IA during first load to reduce response timeframes.

Initially starting at Jeffco, looking at MRB.

### IMRR

Support sending letter to IMRR group May 22.

Attach NMAC L2022-02 to IMRR group.

Roundtable expectations will be sent to IMRR facilitators.

IC IMRR functional call will be separate from ICAC.

### NMAC IA Task Force/Surge SOPs

Fire directors are in alignment with draft.

Edits will be made to include joint interagency messaging and language regarding where the resources will be drawn from.

Revisit payment procedures.

Concern with duration requirements.

Local GA would be responsible for ensuring adequate leadership for the team is present.

Resources would be able to assist with large fires if necessary, otherwise would remain dedicated to IA.

Ready reserve is already in place and allows GACCs to meet their internal needs while being available for immediate reassignment if needed.

Sideboards will be set for the duration of the equipment's assignment, including minimum and maximums.

Consider changes needed in agency severity utilization and increasing interagency efficiencies through better sharing.

Include contract equipment and federal personnel staffing similar to the Texas model.

Consider developing a national/GA severity procedure.

Revisit in exec.

Revisit May 27.

### Replacement CIMT Discussion

CIMT request form for replacement is required at PL4 and 5.

