

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

June 25, 2025

1000-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Kat Sorenson	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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chair: Shane McDonald	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
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Additional Attendees: Jeff Walther, Kat Sorenson, Darren Donley, Scott Mayer, Penny States, Brad Sawyer, Shane Santos, Ryan Sundberg, Mike Henry, George Violante, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Rubenstein, Jason Bruce, Matthew Breitenstein, Greg Smith

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 27 June 2025, 1000-1200



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IMSR Update (Kat Sorenson)

PL3, light IA, 31 uncontained large fires, 8 CIMTs, 6,080 personnel assigned.
3 IMTs, 8 crews, 88 overhead assigned to Canada.

Northwest: PL2, 12 new fires, 4 uncontained large fires.

Pomas – Active behavior, heavy slash and brush, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Barstow Road – Minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 1,500 acres, 93% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Jericho Mountain – NR Team 6, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 369 acres, 0% contained.

Post – Returned to local unit, minimal behavior, timber, 144 acres, 94% contained.

Wolf Syrup – 140 acres, 100% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 4 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Forsyth – GB Team 7, active behavior, timber and brush, Pine Valley community threatened, 8,200 acres, 0% contained.

France Canyon – GB Team 5, active behavior, timber, Hatch community and infrastructure threatened, 25,550 acres, 5% contained.

Horse – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,200 acres, 20% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 14 new fires, 2 fires burning in FL.

Rocky Mountain: PL2 tomorrow morning.

Alaska: PL4, light IA, 15 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Himalaya Road – AK DOF, SW Team 3, managing Aggie Creek, moderate behavior, chapparral and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

Aggie Creek – AK DOF, minimal behavior, chaparral and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,600 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Creek – AK DOF, AK Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 26,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 6 new fires, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Trout – SW Team 4, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, 47,100 acres, 41% contained.

Seven Springs – SW Team 1 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, grass and timber, 805 acres, 91% contained.

Bridge Creek – SW Team 2 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 2,278 acres, 0% completed.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Sunday)

- A warming trend is expected for California and the northern half of the West, with temperatures 5-15°F above normal this weekend
- Breezy westerly winds for the Cascade gaps, Columbia Basin, and Sierra Front through tomorrow creating locally elevated conditions
- Monsoon showers and thunderstorms to continue for most of New Mexico and portions of far southeast Arizona
- Isolated to scattered thunderstorms return to much of the Southeast today through the weekend, but will continue elevated initial attack the next couple days in the Carolinas and Florida, with high-risk significant fire potential today in the Carolinas
- Cool, moist easterly flow will continue in Alaska with areas of wetting rain and moderated conditions through the weekend

Long-term (Monday through next Friday)

- Above normal temperatures for the West with low RH and fair to poor overnight recovery for mid-slopes and ridges, especially for the Great Basin through mid-next week
- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms likely for northern California into the Inland Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies increasing initial attack, with the greatest potential for significant fires in northern California to the northern Great Basin
- Monsoon showers and thunderstorms will continue in New Mexico, spreading into eastern Arizona and the Four Corners later next week
- Modest relief continues for Florida, but is more uncertain for the coastal Carolinas, while much of Texas continues the drying trend



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Live fuels in AZ have trended and stayed below the average.

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory for Southeast AZ renewed yesterday.

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory for Gila/White Mountains in effect.

ERCs for southwest and coastal Carolinas in the 90th percentile.

Elevated ERCs extending up into GB and RM areas and at lower elevations in CA.



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Resource Update (Kat Sorenson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK			
LEAD ASM	3	13	
SEAT	64	31	
HELO TYPE1	44	44	
HELO TYPE2	34	25	
HELO TYPE3	43	16	
LARGE TRANS	Taking crews to AK		
CIMT	6	20	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	71 (7 preposition)	13	
CREW TYPE 2IA	119 (40 preposition)	13	
CREW TYPE 2	35 (6 preposition)	Hundreds	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	58	107	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	94	22	
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	9	7	
SHOWERS	9	52	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	18
TANKER	6
HELO	4
AIR ATTACK	
IR	8
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	13 (3 HECM, 1 TFLD, 2 dispatch)
PENDING	3 engines, OH

1 UAS, 2 crews, 8 pieces of equipment, and 96 overhead assigned to RX.



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Making good progress on all incidents.

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

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Busy, daily IC calls, daily AMAC calls. Complexing incidents and utilizing T3 teams as much as possible, MAC members visiting incidents.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Incidents are winding down.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: Experiencing heat dome, exporting resources, discussing potential movement for FDNY at PL4.
- Southwest: AZ is dry, moving resources, SW Team 4 asking to extend several days.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain) – George Geissler

- NASF: NW Compact resources timing out in Canada, re-evaluating additional availability.
- Rocky Mountain: Expecting PL2 later today, no major activity.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS:
- NOPs: Continued IA.
- SOPs: Continued IA.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Pomas seeing increased activity with decreasing rh, OR and WA preparing for IA due to increased lightning.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

No issues filling crew orders.

6 CIMTs assigned, 3 released in the last 24 hours.

Trout looking to extend SW Team 4 for 3 days, will submit extension request form.

National Surge Task Force will be reassigned to Elko, NV.

Mob 2 from NW to AK today, mob 3 from CA to AK Friday.

IWI scenario run-through will occur tomorrow.

International – Maegan Maughan

CIFFC remains at PL5.

6 crews demobilized yesterday, 3 demobilizing today.

SOPS Team of 14 personnel mobilizing.

Finalizing Border Patrol letter with New Zealand this afternoon.

Administration

PL – 3

GACC Priority: AK, GB, SW

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

International

Saskatchewan requesting 2-7 days extension for crews.

Recommend 7-day extension for all 5 crews. -Support

Teams

SW requesting 3-day extension for SW Team 4 on Trout. -Support

When short teams return from Canada, does the CIMT need 7 days of unavailability?

-No, the assignment does not count against the team.

Consider each GACC have one or two placeholders for “GA International IMT” in IROC for roster filling and cleaner data.

Official RFAs were for Canada T2 IMT, some positions are equivalent to US T3 positions rather than CIMT qualifications.

Team personnel mobilized to Canada should adhere to overhead assignment work-rest guidelines after demobilizing back to US. -Support

Revisit terminology for mobilizing non-standard CIMTs.

A GA filling an international team request does not count against the GA’s national rotation slot.

Revisit Friday, June 27.

Draft memo language on Friday clarifying CIMT usage and non-standard mobilizations.

Incident Procurement

Incident procurement process issues reported through DOI.

Contract resource ordering following VIPR list, not utilizing closest forces to incident.

Contracting Officers are bypassing the dispatch system, following IBC flowchart option.

Working on spatial map that shows all available VIPR resources.

Issue on land-use agreements for tribal lands.

Jesse will reiterate new process at CGAC.

Revisit 6/27.

FS FAMIT

IROC and ICLIP are experiencing major issues with returns and ordering some equipment.

Challenges with S numbers and the systems communicating with each other.

Developers working on system updates and resolving issues.

Nationally contracted resources are also active in IROC.

Recommend activating NMAC Logistics.

NICC Jet

FS administers NICC jet contract.

Consider the jet as the right tool for mobilizations.

Revisit cost and need.

