

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 2, 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

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Sean Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Scott Stearns
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Additional Attendees: Eric Fransted, Shane Santos, Jeff Walther, Brad Sawyer, Jesse Bender, Nicole Oke, Maegan Maughan, Nick Nauslar, Jason Bruce, Scott Mayer, Mike Henry, Nate Hesse, Ben Oakleaf, Casey Teske, Penny States, Jim Wallmann, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Rubenstein, Candice Stevenson

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 4 July 2025, 1000-1200



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL3, moderate to heavy IA, 400 starts, 26 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs, 139 crews, 369 engines, 53 helicopters, 6,700 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 50 new starts.

Northwest: PL2, heavy IA, 64 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Bowers Ridge – Timber, 150 acres.

Black Canyon – Light fuels, 2,000 acres.

South Ops: PL3, moderate IA, 27 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Wolf – Cal Fire, minimal behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 2,400 acres, 40% contained.

Juniper – Minimal behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, evacuations, 689 acres, 30% contained.

Lake – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 489 acres, 70% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Jericho Mountain – NR Team 6 TOC back to local unit today, minimal behavior, timber, 482 acres, 95% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, light to moderate IA, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Garden Creek – BIA, light fuels, extreme behavior, residences threatened, evacuations, 1,000 acres,

Mount Irish – Extreme behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 250 acres, 0% contained.

Forsyth – GB Team 7, active behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 13,000 acres, 42% contained.

France Canyon – GB Team 5, timber, moderate behavior, received precipitation, 33,362 acres, 61% contained.

Horse – Minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 2,800 acres, 59% contained.

Winter Camp – DoD, active behavior, light fuels, 2,000 acres, 100% contained.

Barron – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 340 acres, 60% contained.

Southern Area: PL1

Mosquito – Everglades National Park, moderate behavior, light fuels, 1,780 acres, 0% completed.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, light IA, 1 uncontained large fire.

Taylor Draw – Minimal behavior, brush, 1,200 acres, 70% contained.

Hall – Light fuels, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Powder River – County, 1,250 acres, 0% contained.

Alaska: PL4, light IA, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs, 23 staffed fires.

Himalaya Road – SW Team 3, managing Aggie Creek, active behavior, chaparral and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

Aggie Creek – AK DOF, active behavior, chaparral and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, 2,797 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Creek – AK Team 1, managing Saint George Creek, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 28,270 acres, 0% contained.

Saint George Creek – AK DOF, moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, 11,929 acres, 0% completed.



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Nenana Ridge Complex – 2 fires, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 8,800 acres, 0% contained.

Ptarmigan Complex – 21,665 acres, 5% completed.

Lush – 11,651 acres, 40% completed.

Southwest: PL3, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Oak Ridge – SW Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 10,600 acres, 1% contained.

Maverick – BIA, light fuels, moderate behavior, 750 acres, 0% contained.

Trout – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 47,300 acres, 83% contained.

Rainbow Springs – 100% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Scott Stearns)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Sunday)

- Shower and thunderstorm activity (mixed wet and dry) continues today across a good portion of the western and northern Great Basin, with the highest threat for significant fires today
- Monsoonal moisture flow over the Southwest continues today with wettest conditions tomorrow before the moisture recedes slightly this weekend
- Widespread dry and gusty winds this afternoon will result in elevated to critical fire weather conditions across the Cascade Gaps, with elevated afternoon winds across most of the western US
- Below normal temperatures will blanket much of the western US on Friday, giving way to warming conditions back to above normal by Sunday in many locations
- Hot and dry across Interior Alaska through Saturday with multiple days of high-risk significant fire potential, beginning today with breezy east winds for the central/eastern Interior

Long-term (Monday through next Friday)

- Temperatures up to 15°F above normal for the West, with widespread minimum RH of 5-20% and poor overnight recovery for mid-slopes and ridges increasing significant fire potential to moderate for most areas
- The monsoon will wane, with isolated showers and thunderstorms near the Mexico border and east of the Divide in New Mexico
- A 30-40% chance of an upper-level wave bringing dry lightning and gusty winds to the northern half of the West next week which would have a significant impact if it were to occur
- Continued mostly dry for much of central/east Texas with slowly increasing fire potential



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Likely to be hotter than normal summer for most of the US.

Drought removal now expected for parts of the northern Great Plains.

Monsoon expected to lessen drought in parts of the Southwest.

Improved conditions expected through July for Southern Plains, East Texas, northern MN, Arizona strip, Coastal southern CA and parts of the Sierra, and Glacier National Park.

Above normal significant fire potential conditions expected in the greater Northwest and Puerto Rico.

Normal significant fire potential expected for AK through July.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		25	
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		23	
LEAD ASM		12	*4 available on 7/6
SEAT	74	29	
HELO TYPE1	50	37	
HELO TYPE2	34	25	
HELO TYPE3	44	17	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	7	21	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	46 (3 preposition)	13	
CREW TYPE 2IA	127 (46 preposition)	1	
CREW TYPE 2	43		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	79	77	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	81	31	
RAPPELERS		91	
CATERERS	7	18	
SHOWERS	9	54	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	5 VLAT
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	3
CREWS	4 T1/T2IA
ENGINES	6
OVERHEAD	33 (dispatch)
PENDING	4 T1/T2IA crews, 13 T2, 25 engines, 30 overhead



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Ordered T3 IMT for Mount Irish, requesting CIMT replacement for Forsyth incident.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: Eric detailing into different position.
- Alaska: Drying and wind conditions expected. Tactical pause on aircraft operations yesterday afternoon.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Lightning yesterday with more expected. Staffing all fires, no issues or concerns. T3 IMT sent to AK for support.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: All is quiet.
- Southwest: Remain at PL3, monitoring 3 SafeComs in the last couple weeks.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: AK concerned over receiving additional crews, facilitating mobilization of several crews from other states to AK.
- Rocky Mountain: Ordering 2 LATs for uptick in IA, several fires over 1,000 acres.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Uptick in IA, 52 fires this morning, all alert cameras showing smoke, several unstaffed fires. Expecting many critical resource needs, will be requesting smokejumpers. National IA Surge Package committed to Carolina incident.
- SOPs: NTR

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: One SafeCom was near miss on tarmac, has been resolved. BIA in AK has put together support group to assist villages, corporations and teams.
- NW: Heavy IA, continued lightning.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Pinch point on Lead Planes over the holiday weekend, working on utilizing Cal Fire aircraft.
Staffing rotation, phased maintenance, and limited aircraft have caused issue with lead plane availability.
Lots of rappeler movement in CA and NW, moved one ship from NR to NW.
Looking at crew movement for better placement and preposition fill.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

Continued issues with ICLIP in the cache.

International – Sean Peterson

2 short IMTs and 96 overhead personnel in Canada.
Day 8 for the smokejumpers in Canada.

Administration

PL – 3 (3.43)

GACC Priority: AK, GB, SW

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Aviation

MAFFS utilization requires adequate lead plane coverage.

Review tanker utilization and UTFs.

Large air tanker fleet must be exhausted along with CWNs prior to MAFFS activation.

1 CWN and 3 additional CWN next week, in constant flux.

FS discussing quick strike authorizations and RFA process.



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CGAC Charter

GACC Center Managers group is now listed as a chartered group under CGAC.

Submit comments for final review by July 8.

Crews

AK crews extended to 21-day assignments.

AK expecting critical weather, requesting additional crews and anticipating crew cliffs.

50+ IHCs have not cycled back in from assignments, Canada, IA, etc.

Working to free IHCs up in several GAs with T2 IA and T2 crews.

Maintain flexibility in the western US in preparation of predicted lightning.

25% of crews committed are in SOPS, counting Cal Fire crews while 13% of crews are in AK.

Recommend pulling crews from RM and SOPS to fill the 4 AK T1/T2IA crew requests. -Support

Potential to bring smokejumpers back down from AK for IA in SOPS to backfill.

Critical Incident Response Planning Exercise in Canada

Recommend additional communication back to the US.

Other countries will participate in similar exercises.

Walk through exercise of the plan should be included in INLO in briefing.

Create and include individual plans as appendices in the International Mobilization Guide for each province.

Request feedback from personnel mobilized to Canada for internal AAR.

CIFFC working on developing prevention plans.

Intel Documents

Historic document does not show resource availability.

All historic document data is presented in the living dashboard.

Discrepancy between IMSR and NMAC Dashboard is due to data being pulled from two different systems.

IMSR only shows resources assigned to 209 incidents.

NMAC Dashboard shows all resources assigned in IROC.

Consider that the printing page of data is a snapshot in time.

Revisit desired data documents in exec.

National Surge Package

First national surge package mobilized to NOPS.

SOPS considering what surge package configuration might be most useful.

Chance for EA to fill the second surge package.

NW and GB willing to accept surge package if designated.

Consider not including a crew in the surge package.

Request more feedback prior to creating an additional surge package.

Surge packages will become a higher priority as PLs increase and resources become scarce across the country.

Consider at what day on assignment resources should be re-crewed and if that includes a new resource mixture.

Create a task force of resources to preposition in Boise toward the end of next week, acquiring resources from most GAs. -Revisit in exec

