

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 4, 2025

1000-1140

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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Additional Attendees: Beau Dobberstein, Angie Forbes, Scott Mayer

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 7 July 2025, 1000-1200



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL3. Heavy IA. 14 new large fires. 31 uncontained large fires. 10 CIMTs, 162 crews committed. 7,300 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3. Heavy IA 1 new large incident. 1 CIMT committed.

Marble Complex: 3 incidents. 100+ acres.

Horse Fire: North of Redding. 275 acres.

Green Fire: Northeast of Redding. 185 acres.

Helena Fire: 52 acres.

Northwest: PL2. Light IA. 6 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.

Pomas Fire: NW Team 7 assigned. Active behavior. 50 acres of growth. 2100 acres. 0% contained.

Apple Acres Fire: Moderate behavior. 3,000 acres. 20% contained.

Cold Springs Fire: Minimal behavior. 3,000 acres. 2,000 acres of growth. 58% contained.

Siegel Fire: 680 acres. Moderate behavior. 10% contained. Expected to be short duration.

South Ops: PL3. Heavy IA. 3 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.

Madre Fire: CA Team 8 assigned. Extreme behavior. Residences/energy/structures threatened. Evacuations in place. 52,600 acres. 10% contained. Estimated completion: 7/16.

Wolf Fire: 2,300 acres. 65% contained.

Lake Fire: 90% contained

Northern Rockies:

Wilder Fire: 2,000+ acres. Active behavior.

Miller Creek Fire: 400 acres.

Great Basin: PL3. Moderate IA. 1 new large fire. 5 uncontained large fires. 3 CIMTs committed.

Forsyth Fire: GB Team 7 assigned, GB Team 2 mobilizing. Moderate behavior. Structures/energy infrastructure threatened. Light precip. 13,600 acres. 46% contained. Estimated completion: 7/31.

France Canyon: 33,000 acres. Back to the local unit today. 66% contained.

Mount Irish Fire: Moderate behavior. 0 acres of growth. Structures threatened. Light precip. 0% contained. Estimated completion: 7/11.

Barber Fire: 1,000 acres. 0% contained.

Bloody Fire: 1,500 acres.

Clover Creek Fire: Forward progress stopped. 400 acres. 80% contained.

Garden Creek Fire: 100% contained.

Horse Fire: Minimal behavior. 70% contained.



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Southern Area:

Mosquito Fire: 5,000 acres of growth. 7,000 acres. 10% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2. 2 uncontained large fires.

Spring Creek Fire: 1,500 acres. 90% contained.

Powder River Fire: 90% contained. Demobilization in progress.

Alaska: PL4. 10 uncontained large fires. 3 CIMTs committed.

Bear Creek Fire: AK Team 1 assigned. 300 acres of growth. 28,500 acres. 4% contained.

Saint George Creek Fire: 6,000 acres of growth. Moderate behavior. 19,000 acres. 0% contained

Himalaya Road Fire: SW Team 3 assigned. Active behavior. 600 acres of growth. 4,130 acres. 0% contained.

Aggie Creek Fire: Active behavior. Tripled in size. 12,200 acres. 0% contained.

Nenana Ridge Fire: AK Team 2 mobilizing. Active behavior. Structures threatened. 6,000 acres. 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3. IA in Arizona. 4 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT committed.

Oak Ridge Fire: Received some precip. 10,700 acres. 13% contained. Estimated completion: 7/31

Laguna Fire: Minimal behavior. 1,300 acres. 10% contained.

Juniper Fire: 600 acres. 0% contained. Expected to be short duration.

Trout Fire: 47,000 acres. 85% contained.

Turkey Feather Fire: Moderate behavior. 330 acres. 0% contained.

Maverick Fire: 100% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Sunday)

- Breezy/dry across much of the Great Basin today and portions of northern California bringing elevated to critical conditions and areas of high-risk significant fire potential
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for southeast Oregon into southwest Idaho today, with scattered wet thunderstorms from central Idaho into Montana
- Drier west/southwest flow will spread across the West this weekend, lowering RH, and limiting the monsoon to near the Mexico border
- Hot, dry, and locally breezy across Interior Alaska through Saturday before slightly cooling Sunday with multiple days of high-risk significant fire potential, with some moderation in conditions to follow next week

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Temperatures up to 20°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 many areas
- At least isolated dry thunderstorms for the northern half of the West, most likely for far northern California, the Inland Northwest, and northern Rockies, with high-risk significant fire potential possible
- The monsoon continues to be weak, with isolated showers and thunderstorms limited to the Mexico border and areas near/east of the Divide in New Mexico



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Forecast mild improvement in most parts of the west.

Expecting a short-lived plateau, back up to 90th percentile ERCs in next few days.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT	27		
VLAT			
SCOOPER	8		
AIR ATTACK	18		
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	80	21	
HELO TYPE1	52	35	
HELO TYPE2	37	21	
HELO TYPE3	45	16	
LARGE TRANS	1		Landed in ABQ then on to RM/AK
CIMT	10	18	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	57	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	127	1	
CREW TYPE 2	56		
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	120	56	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	60	33	
RAPPELERS	77		
CATERERS	6	18	
SHOWERS	10	51	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	23
TANKER	1
HELO	17
AIR ATTACK	
IR	1
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	7
ENGINES	22
OVERHEAD	70 (jumpers, dispatch, helicopter managers)
PENDING	



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Moderate to heavy IA, French Canyon transitioned to IMT3 this morning

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Air Attack incident yesterday. CIMT will be replaced with Type 3.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Looking at PL3. Priority Fire is Wilder Fire—moving resources internally.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Watching monsoon.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: AK appreciates the crew support. Keeping the road open from Anchorage to Fairbanks is major concern.
- Rocky Mountain: Moderate IA in Wyoming. Might be looking for additional Type 2 crews.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Crew order was 18 crews. Horse Fire: 2 helos on it all night, still having issues with resistance to control. Green Fire: no good options due to terrain. Helena Fire: pulled crews off for safety concerns.
- SOPs: IA was light.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: 1 individual medical issue—treated/released in New Mexico
- NW: WA DNR moved to PL3. Precip has helped. NW Team 7 on Pomas- looking at also taking Apple Acres. Expecting more lightning.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorensen

BLM Aviation: incident in AK with BLM Exclusive Use – no injuries—belly down at end of runway. Working with NTSB. Aviation safety stand-down this morning in AK, 0800-1100.

FS Aviation: uptick in helicopter orders, some issues mostly due to staffing helicopter managers.

Rappelers/Smokejumpers: Awesome job getting them back from IAs quickly.

CIMTs – no changes. Next 3 teams are RM, CA, NW.

IAA Program – 28 new fire detections in last 48 hours in ID, MT, OR, and NV.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC is at PL5. 500 active fires. Manitoba and Saskatchewan are at PL5. Yukon Territory and Alberta are at PL4. Most Canada support personnel are coming home within the next week.

Administration

PL – 3 (3.66)

GACC Priority: AK, SOPs, NOPs, GB, SW, NW

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

1. Air Tankers:

- Page 60 in IRPG requires that retardant be utilized in prescribed timeline.
- We have departed from the standard use of aviation resources.
- Misuse/non-use/standard violations are anecdotal.

2. Surge Packages

- Surge Package 1:
 - Assigned to Caroline Fire.
 - Timeout on 7/9 (currently on day 10).
 - Majority are USFS (Kat will confirm/follow-up with NMAC).
 - Leave it up to the agencies if they will R&R in-place and continue.
- Surge Package 2:
 - Will report to SOPs on 7/7.
 - Filled everything they asked for.
 - Have the understanding that if not being utilized and a higher priority comes up, they could be reassigned.
- Surge Package 3:
 - Almost all resources are confirmed
 - NW will confirm later today. States have confirmed some resources from Northeastern states and Midwest states.
 - Original plan was to be in place on 7/12, 0800, in Boise. With incoming lightning, will plan to have them report 0800, 7/10, in Boise. **- Approved**
 - NMAC and NICC will have a joint briefing with them on 7/10, 0800, in the NMAC conference room.
 - Plan to push the orders today.
 - Plan to attach a self-contained suppression module.

3. Crews

- 40 Type 1 and Type 2IA orders pending at NICC.
 - Not able to fill most of them.
- GACCs are utilizing prepo resources for IA.
- Expect more directive approach from the crew liaisons for management of Type 1 and Type 2IA crews.
- Trying to get GACCs to order Type 2s to free up Type 1 and Type 2IA.
- Expect 4-5 crews coming available per day over the next few days.
- Crew liaison will notify NMAC if decisions are needed.

4. Teams

- Continue to message intent to GAs.
- 3 assignments/team is the overall goal.
- Liaisons will continue to track team assignments and keep NMAC informed.
- Continue with current policy/messaging—if necessary down the road, we can revisit the policy.
- Need consistency in policy/business rules.

5. Helicopters

- Issue with helicopter managers – what can we do?
- NICC is working on it, NMAC intervention not yet needed

