

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 23, 2025

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Andy Snyder /Ryan Jones	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: Russ Babiak, Kevin Conn, Shane Santos, Jeff Walther, Jan Johnson, TJ Gagnon, Maj Brian West, Mike Rubenstein, Penny States, Court Wallace, Eric Coulter, Bennett Courneyor, Scott Mayer, Don Pyrah, John Mckee, Robert Dukart, Lindsey Lewis, Mike Henry, Megan Heffentrager

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 24 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 33 uncontained large fires, 20 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 2 MAFFS, 342 crews, 779 engines, 121 helicopters, 15,664 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 12 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Orleans – CA Team 1 TOC CA Team 4 tomorrow, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 18,840 acres, 9% contained.

Green – CA Team 3, no perimeter growth, isolated heat, minimal behavior, brush, residences threatened, 19,022 acres, 60% contained.

Northwest: PL3, light IA, 11 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Burdoin – NW Team 13, moderate behavior, timber and grass, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 10,973 acres, 5% contained.

Lake Spokane – WA DNR, NW Team 2, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,338 acres, 16% contained.

Hope – WA DNR, NW Team 8 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, 7,891 acres, 65% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 12, NW Team 10 mobilizing, moderate behavior, grass and timber, received precipitation, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Gulch – NIMO Team 2, timber, 684 acres, 19% contained.

Butte Creek – NW Team 3, managing Cram, minimal behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, evacuations, 2,050 acres, 30% contained.

Cram – Minimal behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 95,736 acres, 73% contained.

Elk – ODF Team 1 TOC local unit today, managing Hagelstein, minimal behavior, timber 2,600 acres, 95% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 13 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Fay – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 648 acres, 89% contained.

Dale – 01.096 acres, 100% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, light IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 10,066 acres, 9% contained.

Deer Creek – GB Team 4 TOC local unit expected Friday, minimal behavior, received light precipitation, timber and chaparral, communities threatened, evacuations, 17,304 acres, 77% contained.

White Sage – GB Team 6, minimal behavior, timber and brush, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 59,000 acres, 57% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, light IA, no large fire growth on existing fires, all CIMTs will transfer back to local units by the end of the week, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Turner Gulch – RM Team 1, managing Wright Draw, minimal behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, 16,851 acres, 37% contained.

Wright Draw – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, 466 acres, 77% contained.

South Rim – RM Team 3, no perimeter growth, minimal behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, 4,220 acres, 31% contained.



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Ute 63 – CA Team 2 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 530 acres, 72% contained.

Alaska: PL3, no large fire growth, no new IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Nenana Ridge Complex – AK Team 2 TOC local unit tomorrow, received precipitation, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 33,000 acres, 24% contained.

Himalaya Road – RM Team 2, minimal behavior, chaparral, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 6,200 acres, 39% contained.

Southwest: PL3, light IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 4, SW Team 2 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 13,622 acres, 26% contained.

Laguna – SW Team 1, moderate behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 17,000 acres, 55% contained.

Billy – Minimal behavior, brush, received precipitation, structures threatened, 2,100 acres, 30% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Andy Snyder)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- An accelerated drying trend is on track for most of the western interior through Friday as abundant lightning targets northern California into parts of the northern Intermountain West Thursday and Friday
- Quickly drying fuels and longer burn periods in areas that have seen lightning and higher moisture during the last week will result in increased activity and the potential for holdover fires to emerge
- Single-digit relative humidity will become more widespread through the end of the week for the central and southern Intermountain West, extending into western Colorado and New Mexico by Friday
- The monsoon will largely shut down with this drying trend by Friday
- Look for increasing westerly Cascade gap winds Thursday and Friday, resulting in locally elevated fire weather in the interior Northwest
- Extreme heat persists in most of the Mississippi Valley as flash flooding targets the Midwest and Gulf Coast into Friday

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Thunderstorms continue from the northern Sierra and southern Cascades northeast into Montana Saturday, becoming more confined to the northern Rockies Sunday
- Breezy/dry for the Great Basin, Arizona, Wyoming, and northwest Colorado this weekend creating elevated to critical conditions and areas of high-risk significant fire potential.
- Extreme heat builds across the Southern Plains and expands west and north through the Rockies and Interior into next week, but the West Coast likely remains milder
- After the monsoon wanes this weekend, a robust return to the monsoon is expected by mid to late next week for southern/eastern Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado
- Significant uncertainty for the northwestern extent of the monsoon, with large uncertainty in thunderstorm potential for the Great Basin, Inland Northwest, and northern Rockies
- Drying for Interior Alaska this weekend, of most concern for the Yukon Flats which have received little rain this week



Abundant wet and dry lightning across NOPS, GB, and the NW with breezy winds through the end of the week.

Fuels Summary (Ryan Jones)

Eastern interior of AK is seeing decreasing indices and better conditions.

NOPS seeing downward trend and improving fuels though still at 80-90th percentile with IA probability.

AZ and NM indices increasing as fuels continue drying.

Fuels Advisory likely from GB in the next couple of days.

NW expecting GAP winds.

NOPS and GB expecting lightning over the next two days.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	3
VLAT		4	
MAFFS		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		29	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	93	10	
HELO TYPE1	77	0	
HELO TYPE2	38	2	
HELO TYPE3	49	4	
LARGE TRANS			Crews returning from AK on Saturday.
CIMT	20	8	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	66	6	
CREW TYPE 2IA	132	5	
CREW TYPE 2	206	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	57	154	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	7	22	
RAPPELERS		94	
CATERERS	17	11	
SHOWERS	30	19	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	8
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	8
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	3 IHCs
ENGINES	6
OVERHEAD	41
PENDING	40 overhead, 11 engines, 3 T1/T2IA crews, 1 T3 helicopter



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: NTR

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: AMAC AAR this afternoon.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: PPS working through ordering issues associated with VIPR programs.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Light IA.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NTR
- Rocky Mountain: CIMTs preparing for transition to lower complexity. Paused IC calls.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: RLS out of South Rim going to LLC this week.
- NOPs: Incoming crews will be replacements.
- SOPs: Moderating weather, need for engines to replacements on IA task force.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NERV vehicle stolen, working through processes.
- NW: Concern with incoming lightning and winds. Many fires will be turned back to local units. Cram incident working to contain IWI hay bale fire. Pomas working to wrap up with one additional CIMT assignment. Bear Gulch



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

EU Helicopter T3 experienced loss of tail rotor usage, no injuries. R5 and WO safety branch will complete safety investigation.

Safety stand down granted on 7/25.

Hill AFB in UT closed for the day.

22 UAS modules committed, nearly at capacity.

24 national TFRs and 8 Airspace Coordinators supporting 9 GACCs.

Crews

Minimal crew requests.

Moving 3 IHCs to NOPS for preposition orders.

3 IHCs in west staged for IA with 7+ days of availability left.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 relocating to Redmond today.

Replacements in brief tomorrow at 2000.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

Anthony Kraus and Marcus Medina traveling to caches across the country to assist with ICLIP implementation.

EA answering questions regarding staffing levels and contracting resource utilization at PL4.

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC remains at PL5.

All US personnel have demobilized home.

Safety – Persephone Whelan

South Rim FS personnel collaborating with NPS to complete writeup on saw incident.

Laguna has FLT team investigating shelter deployment and dozer loss.

3 GAs currently have safety calls.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.58)

GACC Priority: NW, GB, RM, NOPS, SW, SOPS, NR, SA

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

PL tracker relies heavily on number of personnel assigned.

Remain at PL4. – Support

National Surge Package #3

Consider if the package will be re-crewed a third time.

NMAC Ops will discuss re-crewing in a couple of days once the package has completed its second in brief.

Revisit in a few days.

IMSR Statement

“Comp” is a confusing term as there is no NWCG definition.

Comp is short for completion percentage.

The fire charts will continue to list contain and comp.

Proposal:

Nationally, there are XX fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression. XX fires are in Alaska. XX fires are in the Lower 48.

Fires not managed under a full suppression strategy or fires managed under a full suppression strategy but utilizing a combination of tactics—such as monitoring, confinement, or point zone protection— achieve specific fire management objectives while balancing the most effective utilization of resources. Fires managed as described above are identified in the situational report as Comp fires. Additional information including definitions can be found in the [NWCG glossary](#) or [here](#).

-Support

Teams

National rotation changes starting 7/24.

SW Team 3 is available to fill their #1 rotation slot for the remainder of the day if the need arises.

IWDG

IWDG has been moved under NMAC as the sole parenting body.

Recommend revising the IWDG Charter and membership prior to discussing IWDG’s future.

Consider re-tooling IWDG as an NMAC task group, review the program of work, and decide which groups should be responsible for each piece.

Continue to monitor NWCG committee restructuring efforts and overlap with IWDG focus.

Propose reviewing/updating the IWDG Charter, refining the program of work based on what the group’s refocus should be on now and revisit. -Support

Review program of work and group need annually.

NWCG reorganization will be released in January/February.

