

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 25, 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:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS/AK/SA: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS/EA/SW: Russ Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brad Sawyer	<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: Andy Snyder
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Additional Attendees: Kevin Conn, Russ Babiak, Shane Santos, Jan Johnson, Justin Gilman, Mike Henry, Maj Brian West, Rich Cowger, Lindsey Lewis, Mike Rubenstein, Ryan Jones, Court Wallace, Angie Forbes, Kim Albracht, Megan Heffentrager, Nate Hesse, George Violante, Jim Wallmann, Steve Larrabee, Bennett Courneyor, Col Little, Morgan Alexander

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 28 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 61 new starts, 33 uncontained large fires, 14 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 2 MAFFS, 298 crews, 578 engines, 113 helicopters, 13,720 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, moderate IA, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Orleans Complex – CA Team 4, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 19,850 acres, 10% contained.

Green – CA Team 3, minimal behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, 19,022 acres, 68% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 5 new starts, received lightning, 11 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Burdoin – NW Team 13, managing Synder Canyon, moderate behavior, timber and grass, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 11,300 acres, 13% contained.

Snyder Canyon – Moderate behavior, timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 52 acres, 13% contained.

Butte Creek – NW Team 3, managing Cram, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, community threatened, 2,000 acres, 30% contained.

Cram – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 95,700 acres, 77% contained.

Lake Spokane – NW Team 2, moderate behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 2,853 acres, 16% contained.

Hope – WA DNR, active behavior, timber, 7,880 acres, 75% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 10, moderate behavior, timber and grass, infrastructure threatened, 3,450 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Gulch – NIMO Team 2, active behavior, timber, 923 acres, 19% contained.

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

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, moderate behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 10,244 acres, 9% contained.

Deer Creek – GB Team 4 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, chaparral and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 17,700 acres, 7% contained.

White Sage – GB Team 6, minimal behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 59,000 acres, 77% contained.

Lilhorse – Moderate behavior, grass and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 6 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Turner Gulch – RM Team 1, managing Wright Draw, minimal behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 18,607 acres, 45% contained.

Wright Draw – Minimal behavior, brush, 466 acres, 45% contained.

South Rim – RM Team 3 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 4,220 acres, 32% contained.

Alaska: PL3, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Nenana Ridge Complex – 2 fires, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, received precipitation, 33,000 acres, 29% contained.

Himalaya Road – RM Team 2, minimal behavior, chaparral, structures and infrastructure threatened, 6,194 acres, 43% contained.



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

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 4, active behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 30,000 acres, 26% contained.

Laguna – SW Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 17,250 acres, 57% contained.

Billy – Minimal behavior, brush, structures threatened, 2,100 acres, 40% contained.

Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Andy Snyder)


WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Sunday)

- The accelerated drying trend that began yesterday in the West will become more expansive and impactful the next few days as the monsoon breaks down
- Mixed wet/dry thunderstorms will bring abundant lightning from the mountains of northern California and far northwestern Nevada to the northern Rockies each afternoon, with a slight expansion northwards each day as high pressure aloft builds into the Four Corners
- This high pressure ridge will bring widespread single-digit humidity values and a warming trend to the central and southern Intermountain West, with poor moisture recovery each morning
- Winds will become critical for southern and eastern Nevada, northern Arizona, Utah, western Colorado and western Wyoming the next few days, peaking in most areas Saturday – a substantial increase in significant fire potential is likely
- Record heat will impact the coastal Southeast each day as temperatures in central and southern California remain well below average
- Alaska will see a drying trend from north to south heading into the weekend

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Above normal temperatures from the Southeast and Southern Plains into the Intermountain West next week, with very dry and occasionally breezy conditions for most of the Great Basin and Southern Plains much of next week
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms to continue across portions of the northwestern US next week, with an increase in storm coverage Tuesday-Thursday although how wet the storms will be remains uncertain, with a 70% chance they will be of the mixed wet/dry variety
- A robust return to the monsoon is expected for New Mexico and southeast Arizona next week, with a briefer period of scattered wet thunderstorms for central Arizona, southeast Utah, and the West Slope late next week followed by drying
- Wetting rain is likely to return to the Southeast late next week bringing relief from the recently dry conditions



Fuels Summary (Ryan Jones)

Fuels worsening in the Interior and central coast of AK.

Fuels conditions and ERCs are slightly improving in NOPS, lightning is expected.

SW along AZ strip ERCs are trending up into the 90th percentiles.

GB indices are worsening as fuels are drying out.

Western CO and UT with see a higher spike in ERC indices and winds.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	3
VLAT		4	
MAFFS		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		28	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	93	10	
HELO TYPE1	77	1	
HELO TYPE2	38	2	
HELO TYPE3	49	4	
LARGE TRANS			Crews coming down from AK to RM and SW tomorrow.
CIMT	14	11	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	59	9	
CREW TYPE 2IA	110	14	
CREW TYPE 2	192	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	60	151	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	3	26	
RAPPELERS		110	
CATERERS	16	12	
SHOWERS	28	20	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	7
TANKER	
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	2
IR	3
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	32
PENDING	19 overhead, 5 engines, 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: Last IC call this morning, 1 CIMT assigned.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: Chad will be coordinator POC over the weekend.
- Northern Rockies:

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Secretary Rollins rolled out official message regarding FS reorganization. Next week, DLA SES and DLA liaison to FS will be in Boise for NFES equipment meeting.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Dragon Bravo activity continues. New fire receiving T3 IMT.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NASF policy personnel will be in Boise next week.
- Rocky Mountain: Concerned with drying and winds.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: Russ Babiak will be the contact on 7/27.
- NOPs: 70 IA starts combined across CA, scattered precipitation.
- SOPs:

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Light IA, minimal growth on most fires. Burdoin and Snyder Canyon incidents mobilized IHCs. Hay bale fire on Cram incident no longer a concern. Pomas incident CIMT extension request expected. Bear Gulch remains the only long-term incident in NW. Monitoring lightning and holdovers.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

SEAT base in Burns is on stand down until 1300. Open for reload if needed.
Precision is on a safety stand down today, impacted GACCs are aware.
3 T1 rappel ships, 2 T2, and 1 T3 available.

Crews

Good T1/T2 IA crew availability.

CIMTs

Monroe Canyon CIMT replacement approved for internal fill.
5 CIMTs available on the national rotation.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 second crew swap has in briefed and is staging in Redmond, OR.
2 additional engine mods will tie in today.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

DLA SES will be in Boise next week to visit cache.
Today is the 55th anniversary of NIFC.

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5 with 568 active fires.
Critical needs for middle management and crews.

Administration

PL – 4

GACC Priority: NW, SW, NOPS, GB, RM

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

PL tracker is showing 4.35 going up and 2.47 going down.
Successful IA and lack of large fire growth over the last couple of days.
Predicted lightning, drying and winds over the weekend.
No GACCs at PL4 or PL5 and 33 full suppression fires.
MAFFS moved to Klamath Falls in anticipation of IA.
Recommend remaining at PL4 through the weekend and revisiting Monday. -Support

National Surge Package

Package #3 remains in a good location for potential IA.

Canada

Continued heavy activity across the country.
Cannot fill all requests internally, expecting many firefighters going back to school.
Critical needs include crews, middle management, and a short team for Alberta.
INLO and SREP would be needed for support in country.
Recommend CIFFC place a soft request with NICC on Sunday for discussion Monday, 7/28. -Support

Aviation

Without activity over the weekend, recommend MAFFS be released.
Re-evaluate MAFFS need on Monday, 7/28. -Support
FS and NMAC Coordinator will be discussing short-haul and hoist capability with DoD this afternoon.
6-7 IA catches completed by helicopter quick strike capability. Completed risk assessment.

