

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 28, 2025

1100-1300

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 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: Kevin Conn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS/EA/SW: Russ Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<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: Jim Wallmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee	<input type="checkbox"/> External Affairs: Caleb Ashby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Erik Litzenberg
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Jay Kurth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Lisa Sandoval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IMTs: Travis Bailey

Additional Attendees: Maj. Brian West, Russ Babiak, Jason Bruce, Kim Albracht, Ryan Sundberg, Jan Johnson, Court Wallace, Robert Dukart, Annie Benoit, Jed Johns, Lindsey Lewis, Michael Rubenstein, Don Pyrah, Rich Cowger, Megan Heffentrager

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 29 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4. Light IA. 10 new large fires. 32 uncontained large fires. 12 CIMTs and 1 NIMO assigned. 2 MAFFS assigned in Klamath Falls. 261 crews, 521 engines, 115 helicopters and 11,859 assigned.

North Ops: PL3. 3 unstaffed fires. 3 uncontained large fires. 2 CIMTs assigned.

Orleans Complex: CA Team 4 assigned. Moderate behavior. Infrastructure threatened. Evacuations in place. 34% contained. Expected containment: mid-August.

Mammoth Fire: Minimal behavior. 3,100 acres. 42% contained. Expected containment: 7/31.

Green Fire: 80% contained. Expected containment: 7/31.

Northwest: PL3. Light IA. 1 new large fire. 8 uncontained large fires. 4 CIMTs and 1 NIMO assigned.

Burdoin Fire: Minimal behavior. No growth in the last 48 hours. 54% contained. 11,300 acres.

Lake Spokane Fire: Minimal behavior. 0 acres of growth. 2,550 acres. 52% contained.

Pomas Fire: NW Team 10 assigned. 3,500 acres. 45% contained.

Bear Gulch Fire: NIMO assigned. Active behavior. 137 acres of growth. 1,100 acres. 10% contained.

Little John Fire: Light fuels. Extreme behavior. Windy conditions. 10,000 acres. Expected containment: 7/30.

Great Basin: PL3. 3 uncontained large fires. 2 CIMTs assigned.

Monroe Canyon Fire: GB Team 5 mobilizing. Extreme behavior. Values at risk. 3,900 acres of growth. 27,130 acres. 16% contained.

Deer Creek Fire: No issues.

White Sage Fire: No issues.

Succor Creek Fire: 400 acres. Expect to be short duration.

Rocky Mountain: PL3. 9 uncontained large fires. 1 CIMT assigned.

Elkhorn Fire: Active behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in place. 308 acres. 0% contained. Expected containment: end of August.

Rim Road Fire: Active behavior. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened. 115 acres. 0% contained. Expected containment: 8/3.

Turner Gulch Fire: Back to the local unit today. Moderate behavior. 19,430 acres. 54% contained.

South Rim Fire: Minimal behavior. 41% contained.

Vees Fire: Extreme behavior. Structures threatened. 3,000 acres. 0% contained.

Tower 2 Fire: Active behavior. 150 acres. 20% contained.

War Creek Fire: 2,250 acres.

Alaska: PL3. Demobilizing on several fires.

Southwest: PL3. Light IA. 6 uncontained large fires. 3 CIMTs assigned.

Dragon Bravo Fire: Transfer to SW Team 2 today. Active behavior. Structures and communication infrastructure threatened. Evacuations in place. 51,500 acres. 13% contained. Expected containment: September.

Laguna Fire: Moderate behavior. 75% contained. Expected containment: 7/31.

Billy Fire: Minimal behavior. 70% contained.

Goose Fire: Moderate behavior. 65% contained.

Draw Fire: Moderate behavior. 300 acres. 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

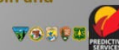
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Wednesday)

- Increased temperatures in the northwestern US through midweek with isolated to scattered thunderstorms becoming drier
- The day of greatest coverage and area expanse is expected Wednesday, with significant initial attack expected and moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- Very dry conditions continue for much of the Great Basin, Arizona, and central Rockies, with areas of breezy winds for eastern Nevada and western Utah creating locally elevated conditions
- The monsoon remains weak, with thunderstorms mostly east of the Divide in Colorado/New Mexico with a threat of dry thunderstorms on the western fringe from the Mogollon Rim to the West Slope
- Alaska will turn cooler with scattered showers

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Mixed wet/dry thunderstorms are likely for Arizona, eastern Utah, and the West Slope late this week, followed by the monsoon taking another extended break for the Southwest this weekend into next week
- Periods of breezy winds are likely this weekend into early next week for the Great Basin, Arizona, and central Rockies amid very low RH and poor overnight recovery
- Thunderstorms continue in the northwestern US through Friday, followed by cooler and occasionally breezy conditions and low to moderate significant fire potential
- Overall fire potential will gradually increase across the West, with the greatest concern in the Great Basin and Greater Four Corners



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

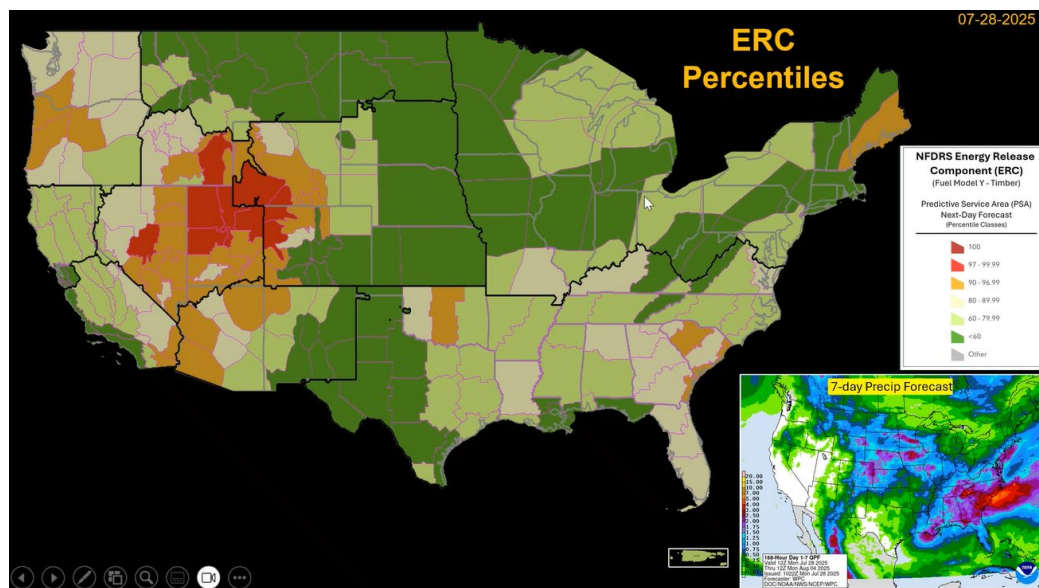
Intermountain West – ERCs in 90s+ percentile

Greatest fire protentional in interior west

Northwest ERCs are normal

Some recovery in North Ops

South Ops, Northern Rockies, Central Idaho look normal



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT	27		
VLAT	4		4
MAFFS			
SCOOPER	4 2 2		
AIR ATTACK	30		
LEAD ASM	9		
SEAT	91		
HELO TYPE1	78	2	
HELO TYPE2	38	2	
HELO TYPE3	49	8	
LARGE TRANS			Move 4 crews from AK to RM
CIMT	12	11	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	58	13	
CREW TYPE 2IA	117	6	
CREW TYPE 2	155	hundreds	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	60	137	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	3	23	
RAPPELERS		61	
CATERERS	11	18	
SHOWERS	21	29	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	16
TANKER	2
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	
IR	9
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	6
OVERHEAD	62 (smokejumpers)
PENDING	21 overhead



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: No concerns with IA

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area) Kevin Conn

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

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: Visitor Thursday NMAC
- Northern Rockies: Uptick in IA, successful getting staffed.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: DLA will be visiting today/tomorrow
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: NTR

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Active response in WY/CA/MT.
- Rocky Mountain: Stable conditions

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: 18,800+ strikes in 24-hour period (record). 132 starts over the weekend.
- SOPs: NTR

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Lake Spokane Fire: resource release coming, expected to be released to local unit by 8/1. Bear Gulch Fire: looking good. Expecting lightning/IA in Oregon.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Airspace

-Non-POTUS TFRs coming: West Yellowstone and Jackson Hole

Aviation

- MAFFS completed 3 drops this weekend
- AK releasing short haul
- Jumpers/Rappelers flying IA this morning
- Moved 1 rappel ship

Crews

-Nothing pending. Good coordination between GAs to assist with crews.

CIMTs:

-NTR

National Rotation:

-AK NW, SA, RM

National Surge Package

#3 staging at Redmond community center—have not been assigned yet

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NIIC-D

-busy with frequency coordination

International – Sean Peterson

15M acres burned.

Safety

– War Creek lost a local fire fighter. Fire shelter dates check request out.

Administration

PL – 4

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

1. Preparedness Level:

PL Tracker: 3.73

Indicators in Mob Guide put us at PL3

Recommend moving to PL3 tomorrow, 7/29 at 0730 - **Approved**

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Descent from PL4 to PL3

Historically, over 36-year period of PL recordkeeping:

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- Only twice before descended to PL3 only to re-elevate to PL4
 - 2024 descending PL3: Sept 26; Oct 22
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- Median "sticky" descending PL3 onset date: Sept 8

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Active 209s:	69	75	84
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IMTs (all types):	13	13	19
Crews:	261	191	326
Engines:	521	428	735
Helicopters:	117	66	103
Total Personnel:	11,859	10,413	15,003
GACCs on IMSR:	7	7	8
PL5 (GACC):	None	None	None
PL4 (GACC):	None	NW	SA NW ONC
PL3 (GACC):	NW SW ONC GB RM AK OSC	OSC GB ONC	None
PL2 (GACC):	NR	SW RM SA	NR SW RM GB OSC
PL1 (GACC):	SA EA	EA NR AK	EA AK

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Are we back to PL3 yet?:

- Most metrics have been in PL3 territory for several days:
 - No GACCs at PL4 or PL5
 - Decreasing numbers of 209/IMSR fires; with 32 full suppression
 - At least 50% of CIMT capacity now available
 - Net loss (demob'd) of 2 IMTs since Friday + 1 more today
 - Other resource commitments are generally in PL3 range
 - Nearly 2k personnel demob'd since Friday
- Forecasts suggest moderate to high IA will persist in the West, with elevating Large Fire Potential.
 - Moderate lightning efficiently, and IA has been largely successful, but...
 - Interior West ERCs at 90th percentile or higher
 - Westside Cascades problematically dry (potential for long duration fires)
 - Fire potential rising in formerly quiet areas (Carolinas, S Plains, FL)
 - Back to PL4 levels in 7-10 days?

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2. Request for Military Support:

- Draft request for assistance for DoD to provide dedicated voice capable aircraft (MedEvac/Extraction)
- Meeting at 1630 today to further discuss
 - Confirm Title 10 request
 - Potential to provide coverage for NOPs/SOPs and allow other private sector/cooperator/federal capabilities to cover elsewhere.
 - Consider wrap-around services (station asset at military airfield)
 - Look at EXORD/RFF
 - California Air National Guard did not have availability—need to keep California Army National Guard and Cal Fire in the loop.

3. MAFFS:

MAFFS flew this weekend. Tanker usage: 40% had no flight time yesterday and it has been limited over the last few days.

With PL3 tomorrow, should we release the MAFFS?

- Recommend looking at the weather tomorrow and deciding then. - Approved

4. Northern Rockies Coverage:

Aitor will be out most of the week; BLM is covering Northern Rockies. Bill Webb from congressional Fire Services Caucus will be at NMAC on Thursday.

