

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 29, 2025

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Kat Sorenson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Jim Wallmann /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Kat Sorenson	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Kat Sorenson	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 type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<input 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: Shane Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Kat Sorenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee	<input type="checkbox"/> External Affairs: Rebecca Paterson	<input type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Erik Litzenberg
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crews: Jeremy Sullens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers: Ben Oakleaf	<input type="checkbox"/> Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Jessica Gardetto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rappel: Adam Kahler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IR: Rachel Hansen
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Additional Attendees: Russ Babiak, Sean Peterson, John Mckee, Bennett Courneyor, Jason Bruce, Jan Johnson, Maj Brian West, Mike Rubenstein, Don Pyrah, Rich Cowger, Ryan Sundberg, Casey Teske, Court Wallace, Eric Coulter, Penny States, Chris St. Pierre, Leslie Casavan, Nic Strohmeyer, Persephone Whelan, Beau Dobberstein, Paul Linse, Jed Johns, Michael McLaughlin, Robert Dodgen, TJ Gagnon, Megan Heffentrager

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 30 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Kat Sorenson)

PL3, light IA, 33 uncontained large fires, 9 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 2 MAFFS, 240 crews, 494 engines, 104 helicopters, 11,363 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Orleans Complex – CA Team 4, moderate behavior, grass and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 21,100 acres, 47% contained.

Green – CA Team 3, minimal behavior, brush, 19,000 acres, 82% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 18 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Burdoin – NW Team 13, minimal behavior, timber and grass, structures and infrastructure threatened, 11,224 acres, 69% contained.

Lake Spokane – WA DNR, NW Team 2, minimal behavior, timber, 2,500 acres, 83% contained.

Bear Gulch – NIMO Team, managing Hama, active behavior, timber, 1,094 acres, 10% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, light IA, 4 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3 TOC GB Team 5 today, extreme behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, evacuations, 27,100 acres, 16% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 9 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires.

Turner Gulch – Moderate behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, 19,400 acres, 54% contained.

Rim Road – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 114 acres, 25% contained.

Alaska: PL3, no reported IA, 3 uncontained large fires.

Southwest: PL3, 6 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 2, active behavior, brush and timber, 20,600 acres growth, 44,400 acres, 13% contained.

Laguna – SW Team 1 TOC local unit today, received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 17,400 acres, 78% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

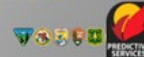
WEATHER SUMMARY

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)

Fuels and Fire Behavior products in NFDRS are not accurately reporting.

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories reissued for C/S UT, AZ strip, W CO, and SW WY.

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory for N/E NV was updated last week.



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Resource Update (Kat Sorenson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	
VLAT		3	
MAFFS		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		30	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	89	2	
HELO TYPE1	79	1	
HELO TYPE2	41	2	
HELO TYPE3	52	9	
LARGE TRANS			Returning from AK 8/2.
CIMT	12	8	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	62	5	
CREW TYPE 2IA	120	5	
CREW TYPE 2	155	624	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	93	109	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	3	24	
RAPPELERS		90	
CATERERS	11		
SHOWERS	19	30	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	13
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	24 (SOF)
PENDING	2 crews, 3 engines, IR, 15 overhead



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: GB Team 5 took command of Monroe Canyon this morning.

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

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Meeting to discuss drawdown levels today, looking at 8/11 for MS IHC becoming available for the lower 48. Discussing PL2.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies) – Brad Sawyer

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: 1630 call with pre-RFA drafting personnel to discuss hoist capable aircraft, Region 5 will submit request to CA.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Anticipated dry conditions.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NV will put T3 IMT up available nationally.
- Rocky Mountain: Evaluating needs, resources and PL.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Tentatively looking at Green incident TOC to local unit on 8/2.
- SOPs: Discussing PL2 this weekend.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Little John incident over 10,000 acres, 90% contained.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

Aviation

2 AK single engine scoopers available today.

MAFFS4 flew one mission yesterday in NW and only a couple missions in SOPS days before.

NW would like to hold MAFFS through the week due to lightning concerns.

GB filling short haul helicopter for Dragon Bravo while covering southern GB needs.

Crews

Yesterday committed 2 SOPS IHCs to RM and 1 SOPS IHC to SW.

Good IHC IA support across all GAs continues.

2 T2IA contract crews moved from NW to SW to support Dragon Bravo.

Verified crew demob concerns in AK, recommend holding to current plan of 8/2 demob.

Teams

9 CIMTs committed.

12 CIMTs on R&R.

5 CIMTs available for this week's rotation.

National Rotation 7/24-7/30: AK, NW, SA, RM, CA, SW

National Rotation 7/30-8/06: GB, NW, CA, NR, CA, SW

National Surge Packages

Surge #2 supported several small IA fires on the San Bernadino NF but is one of 8 task forces in SOPS.

Surge #3 moved to SW Oregon for IA yesterday.

NMAC Logistics – Kat Sorenson

NTR

International – Kat Sorenson

CIFFC remains at PL5.

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

NTR

Administration

PL – 3

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

Team Surge Capacity

NC state IMT available for surge capacity.

Allow IMT to disband and mobilize as single resources. -Support

National Surge Packages

Surge #2 on San Bernadino in SOPS may see increasing fire potential.

Surge #3 staged in southeastern OR for IA.

Crew swap replacements are becoming increasingly difficult for both packages.

Recommend allowing these two surge packages to time out and building a new 4th surge package.

NMAC Ops will discuss with the task forces which resources are difficult to replace for both #2 and 3. -Revisit
7/30

Aviation

32% of LAT capacity utilized on 7/28.

10-32% of LAT capacity utilized over the last week.

NW would like to hold the MAFFS though the week due to increased lightning and IA concerns.

Recommend scheduling a tentative MAFFS release for 8/1 decision. -Support

Crews

RM crews will be demobilized from AK on 8/2.

