

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 30, 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Russ Babiak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Kat Sorenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
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Additional Attendees: Jeff Walther, Shane Santos, Persephone Whelna, Maj Brian West, Jan Johnson, Mike Rubenstein, Court Wallace, Chris St. Pierre, Mike Henry, Stu Rodeffer, Rich Cowger, Gordon Sachs, Kim Albracht, Beau Dobberstein, Penny States, Nic Strohmeyer, George Violante, Lindsey Lewis, Robert Dukart, Paul Linse, Leslie Casavan, Shaun Jensen, Mike Mclaughlin, Jed Johns, Alex Robertson, Alex Melitsis

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 31 July 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Kat Sorenson)

PL3, light IA, 151 new starts, 33 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 2 MAFFS, 11,116 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 23 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Orleans Complex – CA Team 4, minimal behavior, grass, structures threatened, evacuations, 21,100 acres, 50% contained.

Green – CA Team 3, minimal behavior, brush, 19,000 acres, 86% contained.

Northwest: PL3, heavy IA, 62 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.

Lake Spokane – NW Team 2 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,500 acres, 100% contained.

Rock Creek – Extreme behavior, light fuels, habitat threatened, 8,000 acres, heavy aviation use, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, heavy IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 5, active behavior, 4,600 acres growth, brush and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, evacuations, 31,800 acres, 11% contained.

Blackstone – Active behavior, light fuels, habitat threatened, heavy aircraft use, 15,000 acres, 0% contained.

Mill – Active behavior, habitat threatened, considering CIMT, light fuels, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Succor – 390 acres, 100% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 18 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Lincoln – Active behavior, timber litter and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 100 acres, 20% contained.

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

Elkhorn – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 323 acres, 5% contained.

Turner Gulch – Moderate behavior, brush, residences threatened, 20,000 acres, 52% contained.

Alaska: PL2, no IA, 3 uncontained large fires, minimal activity.

Southwest: PL3, 3 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 2, extreme behavior, brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 85,600 acres, 9% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the northwestern US with the peak in activity expected today into tomorrow, with some storms possible west of the Cascades, as well
- A significant increase in initial attack is expected, with moderate to high-risk significant fire potential and several new large fires likely to emerge through Friday
- Very dry conditions continue for much of the Great Basin, Arizona, and central Rockies, with areas of breezy winds for eastern Nevada, Utah, the West Slope, and northern Arizona creating elevated conditions and high-risk significant fire potential into Friday
- 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 be cool and moist today with scattered showers before warming/drying into the weekend but significant fire potential will remain low

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- 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, with holdovers likely to emerge in places that observe lightning late this week
- Isolated thunderstorms are possible near/east of the Divide in Colorado/New Mexico Saturday before the monsoon wanes early next week, with a possible modest return in the form of isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms west of the Divide mid to late next week
- Moderating conditions due to cooler temperatures this weekend into early next week for the northern half of the West, with localized wetting rain from northeast California to western Montana, followed by warming and drying mid-next week
- Overall fire potential will remain high across the Great Basin and Greater Four Corners, with modest reduction in potential for the Northwest this weekend into early next week



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

NW PSA5 in the 97th percentile for ERCs but not setting the daily maxima yet.

NW PSA1 in the Olympic Peninsula is also in 90th+ percentiles for ERCs.



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Resource Update (Kat Sorenson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	
VLAT		4	
MAFFS		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		30	
LEAD ASM		8	
SEAT	89	12	
HELO TYPE1	75	1	
HELO TYPE2	40	2	
HELO TYPE3	49	9	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	7	10	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	68		
CREW TYPE 2IA	115		
CREW TYPE 2	135	650	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	116	135	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS		91	
CATERERS	10	19	
SHOWERS	17	32	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	5
TANKER	3
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	22
PENDING	



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Heavy IA, 17,000 acres of new fire.

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

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: AFS looking to have all resources off fires by the end of the week. AK state employee tree strike late last night.
- Southern Area: No issues or concerns.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies) – Brian Achziger

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Successful IA.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Continued conversations surrounding National Guard or CA Guard assets available for short-haul or hoist, working with SMEs on draft RFA. Heightened awareness due to SMKJ injury.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: 9 new fires on the Gila NF.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: WY reporting lightning with scattered rain. Active IA in NV and WA. AK tree strike individual was evaluated and released.
- Rocky Mountain: Reassigning resources to cover lightning IA. Turner Gulch being evaluated, assessing CIMT need.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Russ Babiak

- NPS: Bear Gulch spotted over river, evacuations in effect.
- NOPs: Orleans Complex critical needs include heavy equipment.
- SOPs:

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Zuni SMOD cancelled crew swap, will demob home to SW.
- NW: Heavy IA, high ignition threats, expected resource order increases. Burdoin resources assisting Yakima. Bear Gulch saw two yellow IWIs.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

Aviation

Single engine scoopers from AK assigned to NW.

Air attacks heavily engaged and committed, approaching 6/36.

12 lead planes on today.

RM extreme weather, Tanker15 blown off runway into dirt, being inspected today.

Tanker 136 and 137 being inspected for hail damage.

NPS T3 helicopter from AK heading to Mt. Rainier.

SMKJ and rappel heavily engaged in IA.

14 UAS modules committed, 2-3 UMODs available.

Crews

Good mix of IA availability and distribution of T1/T2IA crews across active GAs.

2-3 crews potentially available for large fires.

Crews located in specific locations in preparation for upcoming IA and heavy lightning.

Teams

7 CIMTs committed, 12 on R&R.

5 CIMTs available this week on national rotation.

Green incident TOC local unit on 8/2.

NW has no plans to replace CIMTs currently assigned.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 configuration: 7 engines, 1 dozer, 1 water tender, 1 ICT3, 1 TFLD, 1 TFLD-t.

NW would like to move forward with rotation 3 with the surge package #3.

Most of the current resources are good for another crew swap.

NW would like another SMOD to join rotation #3.

Surge #2 configuration on San Bernadino NF: 4 engines, 1 water tender, 1 TFLD, 1 TFLD-t.

SOPS supportive of holding onto the task force or releasing it for movement elsewhere.

GB has 6 strategically placed task forces and does not have the capacity to receive the package.

NW would be supportive of receiving the surge package.

NMAC Logistics – Kat Sorenson

NTR

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

Red medical on incident, struggle to extract individual due to nighttime, thunderstorms, etc. Good decision making process leading to good outcome.



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Administration

PL – 3

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

National Surge Package

NJ and MN have 1 engine each available.

WI has 2 engines, 1 TFLD, and 1 ICT3 available.

-Greg will fill these resources for surge package #3 for the next resource swap. -Support

Mark Twain engine will be released in Billings, willing to join the task force after a couple of days down.

MS may have a 10-person module available for use. -Not self-sufficient.

FS will look for available SMOD.

Recommend moving surge #2 to NW. -Support

Teams

Rationale forms are only required for CIMT extensions at PL3.

There are still several CIMTs with 0 assignments while others have at least 2 assignments.

Team assignments and equity can be updated by NMAC at any PL.

