

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

July 31, 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 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: Shane Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Kat Sorenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Affairs: Marshall Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Erik Litzenberg
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crews: Jeremy Sullens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers: Hans Ohme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Jessica Gardetto	<input type="checkbox"/> Rappel: Adam Kahler	<input type="checkbox"/> IR: Rachael Hansen
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Additional Attendees: Jeff Walther, Jesse Bender, Russ Babiak, Alex Melitsis, Penny States, Leslie Casavan, Paul Linse, John Mckee, Mike Mattfeldt, Jason Bruce, Robert Dukart, Justin Gilman, Jan Johnson, Maj Brian West, Mike Rubenstein, Rich Cowger, Gordon Sachs, Colton Herrera, Beau Dobberstein, Mike Mclaughlin, Casey Teske, Persephone Whelan, Lindsey Lewis, Nate Hesse, Jed Johns, Bill Webb (CFSI)

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 1 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Kat Sorenson)

PL3, light IA, 174 new starts, 33 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team, 222 crews, 487 engines, 112 helicopters, 10,670 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 16 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.
Big Cliff – Incorporating into Orleans Complex, CA Team 4, 90 acres.

Northwest: PL3, 35 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs, 1 NIMO Team.
Bear Gulch – Nimo Team, NW Team 7 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 1,989 acres, 3% contained.
Burdoin – NW Team 13 TOC local unit 8/3, minimal behavior, timber and grass, communities threatened, 10,675 acres, 79% contained.
Lost Tom – Active behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 1,100 acres, 90% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, heavy IA, 32 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.
Monroe Canyon – GB Team 5, extreme behavior, brush and timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 36,600 acres, 11% contained.
Mill – Active behavior, light fuels, structures and habitat threatened, 1,800 acres, 20% contained.
Moonshine – Extreme behavior, light fuels, habitat threatened, 2,800 acres, 30% contained.
East Horse – Active behavior, light fuels, habitat threatened, 411 acres, 50% contained.
Striker – BOD, active behavior, light fuels, 2,000 acres.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 25 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.
Turner Gulch – Moderate behavior, expecting CIMT order, brush and timber, residences threatened, 20,700 acres, 51% contained.
Veas – Minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 4,900 acres, 40% contained.

Alaska: PL2, 1 new fire.

Southwest: PL3, 27 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.
Dragon Bravo – Grand Canyon NP, SW Team 2, extreme behavior, brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 105,000 acres, 9% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Saturday)

- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the northwestern US with the peak in activity today
- 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 Saturday
- 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
- Interior Alaska will warm and dry into the weekend but significant fire potential will remain low

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Periods of breezy winds and low RH are likely Sunday through Tuesday 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
- The monsoon wanes with few thunderstorms Sunday/Monday, with a 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 into mid-next week for the northern half of the West, with localized wetting rain from northeast California to western Montana
- Overall fire potential will remain high across the Great Basin and Greater Four Corners due to winds and potential lightning



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Dryness continues across all of the west including HI.

Drought improved/resolved in parts of central US and FL.

Drought intensified/expanded in Greater Northwest, Intermountain West, and West Slope.

Dry conditions are returning to parts of Southeast.

Elevated ERCs up to 97th percentile in part of the Intermountain West.

New England has been fairly dry though no fire activity has been seen yet.

AK will see brief increase in fire potential but overall long-term trend looks good.

Northwest may see a short term improvement in fuels before drying out.

Lightning sleepers will be a concern across the west.



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Resource Update (Kat Sorenson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		27	
VLAT		3	
MAFFS		2	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		30	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	90	13	
HELO TYPE1	78	3	
HELO TYPE2	40	2	
HELO TYPE3	50	10	
LARGE TRANS			Jet returns crews to RM and SW from AK on 8/2.
CIMT	7		13
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	71	6	
CREW TYPE 2IA	118	7	
CREW TYPE 2	128	631	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	99	139	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS		77	
CATERERS	9	21	
SHOWERS	18	34	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	6
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	5
OVERHEAD	Dispatch, HECM
PENDING	11 aircraft, 6 engines, 9 crews, 4 overhead



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Monroe Canyon incident active on all sides, potential for ordering a second CIMT.

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

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: AFS looking to have all resources off incidents by early next week. Will send personnel to TX next week to retrieve engines for compact utilization.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Prepared to support other GAs.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Monitoring pay cap.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Dragon Bravo continues to be the main concern. Bracing for elevated conditions.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: WA has been the most active state, substantial increase in IA.
- Rocky Mountain: Turner Gulch CIMT request submitted.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: Monroe Canyon incident causing NP personnel to COOP with power outages.
- NOPs: Increased IA, expecting additional incidents with expected lightning, heavy utilization of SMKJ. Orleans Complex in need of crews.
- SOPs: Expecting additional IA.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Geyser Canyon incident 500 acres up to 50% contained. Rock Creek incident grew over 900 acres in light fuels, T3 IMT assigned. Two surge packages assigned to WA.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

Aviation

SEAT Manager shortage, increased UTFs.
BIA air attacks moving to Dragon Bravo and WA/Bear Gulch.
Durango EU T2 ship will upgrade to T1 Puma.
Handful T1 CWN helicopters, will work with GAs to provide HECM.
AK T3 helicopter arriving at Mt Rainier today.
Ability to fill 2 additional UMODs.

Aviation Meeting

Meeting yielded better operational understanding between aviation and NMAC Ops.
Additional scheduled check-ins will occur every 2 weeks.
NMAC Ops/Aviation AAR scheduled for October.
Aviation liaisons will continue to attend NMAC meetings to provide additional context and expertise.

Crews

T1/T2IA IA response strategy working well with good success.
IA capacity starting to exceed crew availability, will be strategic about crew placement.
Encouraging utilization of T2 contract crews.

CIMTs

8 CIMTs committed.
6 CIMTs available on this week's national rotation.
National Rotation 7/30-8/06: GB, NW, CA, NR, CA, SW
Turner Gulch requesting CIMT from national rotation.
Green incident TOC local unit on 8/2.
Lake Spokane TOC local unit today, 7/31.
Monroe Canyon considering zoning with additional CIMT or T3 IMT based on Highway 24.

National Surge Packages

Surge #3 actively engaged in IA in Vale, OR area.
Surge #2 moving from SOPS to NW. All resources have differing LWD, will not make NDT.
Recommend moving SOPS-created task force to NW, letting surge #2 remain in SOPS and naturally time out. -

Support

International

CIFFC on day 63 of PL5, burning 15.5 million acres.
Expecting additional lightning, Manitoba in continued state of emergency.
No RFA received, unable to send resources to Canada due to elevated US conditions.

Predictive Services

Stratton group requesting to visit Boise August 18-22. - **Support**
Steve will provide additional information 8/1.



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NMAC Logistics – Kat Sorenson

NTR

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

NTR

Administration

PL – 3 (3.57)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

International IMT Shadow

Australia and New Zealand ready to begin shadow assignment and will select specific IMT personnel based on position.

Recommend August 10-12 arrival date, resources will fly into Boise. -Support

Recommend IMT spending a day with NIMO and NMAC for leader's intent prior to CIMT assignment.

Bea Day and Stu Rodeffer identified as SMEs.

Length of assignment will be 21-30 days.

NMAC Ops will work on RFA today.

Resources to be ordered: INLO from each country, IC, FSC, LSC, PSC, PIO, Intelligence Chief (SITL), SOF, OSC.

Recommend aviation personnel included.

Identified target GA for assignment will be NW.

PL 4 Memorandum

Rescind memo via email 7/31.

Recommend future PL4 memo include statement

CGAC

FS will acquire ICAP update.

CIMT rationale input suggests additional conversation and routing occur between GACC and local unit.

National Surge Package

Surge package #3 will be completely re-crewed.

Paperwork and resource orders will be sent from NW to NICC to EA next week.

Teams

SA CIMT will stand team back up for national rotation.

Revisit in Exec

