

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

August 4, 2025

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Maegan Maughan	Information
Predictive Services Update	Alex Melitsis /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Maegan Maughan	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Maegan Maughan	Information

### Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chair:</b> Shane McDonald	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Co-Chair:</b> Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MAC Coordinator:</b>
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**Additional Attendees:** Josh Simmons, Brad Sawyer, Russ Babiak, Kevin Conn, Andrea Lannen-Littlefield, Alex Melitsis, Mike McLaughlin, Kim Albracht, Tina Boehle, Robert Dukart, Mike Henry, Jan Johnson, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, Lindsey Lewis, John Mckee, Ben Oakleaf, Rich Cowger, Ryan Sundberg, Gordon Sachs, Penny States, TJ Gagnon, Persephone Whelan, Beau Dobberstein, Jason Bruce, Troy Phelps, Nate Hesse, Troy Phelps, Roman Watson, David Lee, Jed Johns

### NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 5 August 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Maegan Maughan)

PL3, light IA, 157 new starts, 39 uncontained large fires, 7 CIMTs, 242 crews, 575 engines, 112 helicopters, 11,287 personnel assigned.

**North Ops:** PL3, moderate IA, 29 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Orleans Complex – CA Team 4, includes Butler and Big Cliff incidents, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 21,000 acres, 81% contained.

Lake – Active behavior, light fuels, 340 acres, 0% contained.

**Northwest:** PL3, moderate IA, 34 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Bear Creek II: BIA, WA, NW Team 3 mobilizing, 80 acres, managing 4 additional incidents in Complex.

Bear Gulch – NW Team 7, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 4,700 acres, 3% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 10 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber and grass, infrastructure threatened, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

**South Ops:** PL3, moderate IA, 25 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Gifford – CA Team 5, active behavior, light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 49,761 acres, 3% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL2, light IA, 16 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Lightning Creek – Active behavior, slash and timber, 1,500 acres, 0% completed.

**Great Basin:** PL3, light IA, 17 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 5, active behavior, brush and timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, evacuations, 62,710 acres, 13% contained.

Jakes – Extreme behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 3,271 acres, 13% contained.

Snowstorm – Extreme behavior, light fuels, residences and habitat threatened, 22,256 acres, 5% contained.

MP 22 – Moderate behavior, light fuels, residences and habitat threatened, 4,230 acres, 42% contained.

Adobe Mountain – Extreme behavior, structures and habitat threatened, 5,500 acres, 0% contained.

**Rocky Mountain:** PL3, moderate IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Lee and Grease – Merged, T3 IMT mobilizing, 2,000 acres.

Elk RBX – RM Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Turner Gulch- NR Team 2, moderate behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, 22,053 acres, 49% contained.

Logan Mountain – Minimal behavior, timber and grass, 194 acres, 30% contained.

**Southwest:** PL3, light IA, 13 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 2, active behavior, brush and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 116,592 acres, 12% contained.

Middle Mesa – Active behavior, ordering CIMT, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,036 acres, 0% contained.

Bronco – BIA, extreme behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 500 acres, 0% contained.



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## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Alex Melitsis)

#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Wednesday)

- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the northwestern US today, however the threat of lightning and new ignitions is less likely on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Very dry conditions continue for much of the Great Basin, inland southwest, and central Rockies, with areas of hot, dry, and breezy winds for eastern Nevada, Utah, the West Slope, and northern Arizona expected to continue, creating elevated conditions and high-risk significant fire potential for much of the coming week.
- The monsoon remains weak, however minimal monsoonal moisture may move across the Southwest over the coming days, bringing the threat of dry thunderstorms to parts of Arizona, western New Mexico, western Colorado.
- Interior Alaska will remain warm and dry for most of the week, but significant fire potential remains low overall

##### Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Strong winds, very low RH, and very long burn periods for the Great Basin, central Rockies, and northern Arizona through Friday creating widespread moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms and strong outflows for the southern half of Arizona and near/east of the Divide in New Mexico into early next week
- Hot and dry for California for into early next week and possibly beyond increasing significant fire potential
- Wetting rain for portions of western Washington and the northern Rockies Thursday followed by a warming and drying trend, but how significant it will be remains uncertain

### Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

NTR



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## Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		24	4
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		30	
LEAD ASM		14	
SEAT	90	13	
HELO TYPE1	89	0	
HELO TYPE2	37	0	
HELO TYPE3	53	5	
LARGE TRANS			Nothing planned.
CIMT	8	15	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	79	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	116	1	
CREW TYPE 2		Around 100	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	112	139	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	12	20	
RAPPELERS		67	
CATERERS	10	16	
SHOWERS	35	37	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	31
TANKER	18 (all were flying)
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	2
CREWS	2
ENGINES	2
OVERHEAD	51 (TFLD, HEQB)
PENDING	3 aircraft, 26 crews, 69 overhead



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Expecting CIMT replacement order for Monroe Canyon.

### Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: Kevin Conn will cover for the rest of the week.
- Alaska: Looking to make AK assets available for the lower 48.
- Southern Area: NTR

### Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Lightning Creek is current priority, internal T3 IMT may mobilize. Primarily operating out of Grangeville SMKJ base.

### Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest) – Jeff Walther

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: Exporting resources, noting increased indices in MI.
- Southwest: Middle Mesa ordered CIMT, anticipating Dragon Bravo replacement CIMT request. Hot, dry conditions continue. Need additional AA coverage.

### Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Moderate to heavy IA in AZ, NV, WA, and CO.
- Rocky Mountain: Spreading resources to cover incidents, need to maintain current resources, will push up crew and aircraft orders.

### Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: NTR
- SOPs: Critical needs for crews and aircraft.

### Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: 3 CIMTs committed, NW Team 10 in briefing with NR Team tomorrow on Pomas. Little growth on current large fires, working on replacement water tender for surge #3.



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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

#### Aviation

CO MMA ship closed runways briefly Friday.  
5FS assisting Dragon Bravo, 9EB in Moses Lake.  
4 LATS on day off.  
Hired last available CWN T1 and T2 helicopters yesterday.  
Limited T3 helicopter availability.  
Smokejumpers and rappellers continue busy with IA.

#### Crews

NICC working on documenting accurate T2 availability.  
Looking at crew realignment for IA availability.

#### CIMT

2 CIMTs mobilized last night.  
9 CIMTs on R&R.  
6 CIMTs available on this week's national rotation.  
NW Team 3 mobilizing to Bear Creek II, likely to assume control of additional starts in the area.  
RM Team 3 mobilizing to Elk RBX.  
National Rotation: GB, NW, CA, NR, CA, SW

### Surge Packages

Surge #2 working on San Bernadino until times out.  
Surge #3 working through crew swap for 8/8.  
Rotation #3 will run without a water tender.

### NMAC Logistics – Maegan Maughan

NTR

### International – Maegan Maughan

Target timeline for Australia/New Zealand shadow IMT may need to be pushed back.

### NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

Nothing to report from Bureau/FS Safety and Risk Leads.

## Administration

PL – 3

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

Resource Allocation: NTR





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## Admin Topics

### Preparedness Level

Tracker shows 3.98 without accounting for Middle Mesa CIMT order.

<b>Ascent from PL3 to PL4</b> <b>Typical Onset Date</b>  Since the national PL records began in 1990, the median first ascending PL4* onset date of the season is Aug 3.  * 8 years did not have PL4  <b>Recent PL4 Ascents</b>  This year, the first ascent to PL4 began July 12, about 3 weeks earlier than normal. We subsequently reverted to PL3 on July 29.  Last year saw two ascents to PL4, first on July 10, then again on Oct 4.  In 2023, PL4 began on Aug 17 and lasted about 2 weeks before reverting to PL3 (no PL5 in 2023).  Wallmann, James H 08-04-2025	8/4/2025	7/12/2025	7/10/2024	8/17/2023	<b>PL4 Metrics</b> (roughly...)  Nationwide Activity: 8+ GACCs on IMSR; most at PL3 or higher ✓ • No PL4 GACCs currently • 6 GACCs at PL3; none likely to go down soon  Fire Activity: • 80+ active 209s ✓ • 30+ full suppression ✓ • Avg net +2-3 LFs/day • Past 4 days: +7 LFs ~  Resources Committed: • 11k+ personnel ✓ • 250+ crews ✓ • 500+ engines ✓ • 110+ helos ✓ • 13+ (~50% cap.) IMTs ✗  Forecast: Increasing activity for most GACCs ✓  Currently are at/near most PL4 metrics, except IMTs
	Preparedness Level (National): Today PL3	First Transition PL3 to PL4	First Transition PL3 to PL4	Transition PL3 to PL4	
Active 209s:	87	81	73	105	
IMSR Large Fires: (<100% ctn/comp)	44 (39 full suppr.)	105 (34 full suppr.)	76 (28 full suppr.)	96 (35 full suppr.)	
IMTs (all types):	7	15 (+1 in Canada)	13	24 (+2 in Canada)	
Crews:	242	327	305	228 (0 in Canada)	
Engines:	575	530	669	435 (0 in Canada)	
Helicopters:	112	122	111	85 (0 in Canada)	
Total Personnel:	11,287	12,640 (+5 in Canada)	12,776	10,685 (+2 in Canada)	
GACCs on IMSR:	9	9	9	9	
PL5 (GACC):	None	None	None	None	
PL4 (GACC):	None	AK	None	ONC, NW	
PL3 (GACC):	GB, SW, OSC, NW, RM, ONC	NW, ONC, GB, OSC, SW	OSC, GB, ONC, SW, AK	NR, GB, SA, AK	
PL2 (GACC):	NR, AK	RM, NR	NW, NR, RM	RM, SW, OSC	
PL1 (GACC):	SA EA	SA EA	EA SA	EA	

Recommend PL4 at 0730 on 8/5. -Support

### International

NMAC Ops is setting up a team with radio cache, NIMO, and training.

Target GA will remain NW. -Support

International shadow IMT will be imbedded with one IMT for the duration of their assignment.

### Teams

CIMT rationale request forms are required at PL4.

Dragon Bravo and Monroe Canyon both expecting CIMT replacement requests.

CA Teams 6 and 7 up on their internal rotation.

SW Team 3 planning to fill Middle Mesa CIMT request internally.

Revisit 8/5.

