

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

August 5, 2025

1100-1300

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MAC Coordinator:</b> Andrea Lannen-Littlefield
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**Additional Attendees:** Brad Sawyer, Russ Babiak, Kat Sorenson, Russ Long, Kevin Conn, Josh Simmons, Alex Melitsis, Maj Brian West, Jan Johnson, Lindsey Lewis, Shaun Jensen, Rich Cowger, Penny States, John Mckee, Megan Heffentrager, Jason Bruce, Robert Dukart, Persephone Whelan, Christina Boehle, Beau Dobberstein, Mike Henry, Nate Hesse, Casey Teske, Ben Oakleaf, Kim Albracht

### NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 6 August 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Maegan Maughan)

PL4, light IA, 134 new starts, 35 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs, 250 crews, 696 engines, 109 helicopters, 12,362 personnel assigned.

**North Ops:** PL3, moderate IA, 32 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Orleans Complex – 2 fires, CA Team 4, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 21,720 acres, 81% contained.

**Northwest:** PL3, light IA, 15 new starts, moderating conditions, 3 CIMTs.

Bear Gulch – NW Team 7, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 4,928 acres, 3% contained.

Pomas – NW Team 10 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber and grass, infrastructure threatened, 3,465 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Creek II – BIA, NW Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, light fuels, 150 acres, 0% contained.

**South Ops:** PL3, moderate IA, 22 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Gifford – Los Padres NF, CA Team 5, active behavior, light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 82,567 acres, 3% contained.

Rosa – Cal Fire, T3 IMT, extreme behavior, light fuels, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

Gold – San Bernadino NF, T3 IMT, active behavior, remote location with difficult access, evacuations, 348 acres, 0% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL2, moderate IA, 10 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Tullock – Active behavior, timber and grass, residences threatened, 500 acres, 0% contained.

**Great Basin:** PL3, light IA, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Jakes – Includes Snowstorm acreage due to merging, extreme behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 47,385 acres, 15% contained.

MP 22 – Minimal behavior, light fuels, residences and habitat threatened, 3,829 acres, 75% contained.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 5, active behavior, brush and timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 62,650 acres, 13% contained.

**Southern Area:** PL1

Monitoring fire in LA, ordering resources due to location of incident.

**Rocky Mountain:** PL3, light IA, 8 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Elk RBX – RM Team 3, managing Lee, active behavior, brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 7,751 acres, 0% contained.

Lee – Includes Grease incident acreage after merge, extreme behavior, light fuels and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Leroux – State T3 IMT, active behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, evacuations, 700 acres, 0% contained.

Turner Gulch – NR Team 2, active behavior, timber and light fuels, community threatened, 22,833 acres, 49% contained.



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Sharp Canyon – Extreme behavior, brush and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 400 acres, 0% contained.

**Alaska:** PL2, light IA, 1 new start, 3 uncontained large fires.

Medicine – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 1,000 acres, 0% completed.

**Southwest:** PL3, light IA, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 2, active behavior, brush and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 126,445 acres, 13% contained.

Middle Mesa – SW Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, across CO state line, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Bronco – BIA, T3 IMT, extreme behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 800 acres, 0% contained.

## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Alex Melitsis)

#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Thursday)

- Very dry conditions continue for much of the Great Basin, inland southwest, and central Rockies, with areas of hot, dry, and breezy winds creating elevated conditions and high-risk significant fire potential for much of the coming week.
- Isolated dry and gusty thunderstorms are a risk across parts of the Southwest and into the Central Rockies over the coming days.
- Temperatures will warm and RH will lower over California this week.
- Wetting rain for portions of western and northern Washington through today and tomorrow, followed by cooler conditions for the northern third of the west.

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

- High-risk significant fire potential continuing Friday for much of the southern/eastern Great Basin, central Rockies, and northern Arizona due to strong winds and very low RH, with a slight chance for dry thunderstorms providing new ignitions
- Winds gradually abate this week, but very warm and dry conditions will persist for much of the Great Basin and central Rockies
- Hot and very dry for California into next week increasing significant fire potential
- The monsoon remains weak in the Southwest, with isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms. Thunderstorms will be dry for the Four Corners, with wet thunderstorms more likely near the Mexico border and east of the Divide



Hot, dry, and breezy conditions will continue this week for the southern Intermountain West increasing activity, with hot and dry conditions returning to much of California.

### Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Intermountain west continues to have the greatest fire potential.

Southern California fire danger is predicted to continue increasing.



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## Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		25	3
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		30	
LEAD ASM		15	
SEAT	90	14	
HELO TYPE1	94	0	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	53	1	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	10	18	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	79	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	125	1	
CREW TYPE 2	133	150	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	110	143	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	20	10	
RAPPELERS		76	
CATERERS	13	16	
SHOWERS	19	33	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	22
TANKER	11
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	8
ENGINES	4
OVERHEAD	97 (HEQB, TFLD, dispatch, DIVS)
PENDING	5 aircraft, 22 crews, 54 overhead



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: NTR

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

- FWS: Kevin Conn will cover the rest of the week, Chuck Russell will be acting chair.
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: NTR

### Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: FEMA monitoring activity in the Atlantic.
- Northern Rockies: Anticipating putting a T3 IMT on the Lightning Creek incident. Boost of jumpers set up in Lander.

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

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: MN T3 IMT available, FDNY looking to roster an additional T3 IMT next week.
- Southwest: Monitoring Billy incident, moved into wilderness area. Discussing PL4, record heat in Phoenix.

### Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Monitoring activity in great basin and northwestern states, especially in CO.
- Rocky Mountain: Notable increase in activity, heavy aviation use yesterday. 2 T3 IMTs and 2 CIMTs out. Anticipating resource orders.

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

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Orleans Complex CIMT times out on 8/9, looking to keep enough IHCs to increase containment and avoid ordering a replacement CIMT.
- SOPs: Extreme fire behavior, reallocating resources from NOPS.

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

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Moderating weather assisted with IA. Bear Creek II shadow day today, discussing complexing.



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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

#### Aviation

FS Airworthiness working on 690 AC main gear visual inspection.

Light availability on CWN T3 helicopters.

NPS may have 1 additional helicopter from AK.

Expecting 100 rappellers tomorrow.

16 UMODs and 61 pilots in the field, ability for 1-2 additional UMODs.

#### Crews

Nothing available today.

Midnight Suns traveling 8/8, Chena traveling 8/10.

#### Teams

7 CIMTs on R&R.

6 CIMTs available on this week's national rotation.

#### National Surge Packages

BLM WT will join surge #3 after crew swap.

Crew swap will occur at NIFC on 8/8, available on 8/9.

### NMAC Logistics – Maegan Maughan

OMB will be visiting NIFC campus on 8/11.

### International – Maegan Maughan

Australia and New Zealand have concerns regarding fire season ramping up as well as 260 personnel still in Canada.

Evaluating capability for 2025.

Revisit 8/7.

### NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

NTR

## Administration

PL – 4

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

Resource Allocation: NTR





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## Admin Topics

### IA Capability

Good spread of rappel ships across many GAs including the SW.  
Jump 07 should arrive back from AK tomorrow.  
SMKJ potentially staffing Winnemucca.  
SMKJ boost from Missoula to Laramie/Lander for capability.  
Aviation is comfortable with the spread of IA capable aircraft.

Surge package #2 will be naturally timing out in SOPS.  
Creating a 4<sup>th</sup> surge package would be difficult based on resource availability and UTFs.  
Many of the GACCs have created their own surge packages/task forces.  
Continue to ensure resources are being utilized in highest priority areas.  
Surge #3 will complete crew swap at NIFC in Boise on 8/8.

NMAC Ops will discuss hosting capacity with RM.

NMAC representatives will discuss resource capability with agencies.

### Aviation

Aviation group working on Title 10 RFA with DoD to utilize additional short haul/hoist capable aircraft in CA.  
Russ Long reviewing Title 10 RFA letter with Col. Jablonka.  
CA will work directly with DoD on specific operation guidelines upon utilization approval.  
Several extraction aircraft currently in CA would be free to mobilize to other GAs upon Title 10 aircraft approval.

Request historically comes from NIFC on NMAC letterhead signed by NICC Center Manager.

NICC, NMAC Chair, and Martha Wilkins will review signatory authority to make document adjustments and relay to Beau Dobberstein.

Review MOU guidelines.

Approve concept for requesting Title 10 aircraft for CA. -Support

### Teams

Dragon Bravo submitting CIMT replacement request. Expected to go to national rotation.

CA likely to be ordering CIMT for Gold incident.

Monroe Canyon will submit CIMT replacement request tomorrow.

Recommend allowing the rotation and ordering play out as is. -Support

Active management of teams in the national rotation should be discussed prior to the rotation switching on Thursdays.

Revisit 8/7.

Emerging incidents that have been on the landscape for several days/weeks while continuing to get larger should be viewed more as long duration for CIMT replacement rather than emerging incident.

