

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

August 11, 2025

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Jim Wallmann /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	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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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BLM/GB:</b> Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NASF/RM:</b> Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NPS/CA:</b> Jesse Bender
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**Additional Attendees:** Jeff Walther, Brad Sawyer, Shane Santos, Kevin Conn, Russ Babiak, Dave Celino, Ryan Sharpe, Jan Johnson, Kim Albracht, Jason Bruce, Don Pyrah, Penny States, Alex Melitsis, Kat Sorenson, Mike McLaughlin, Roman Watson, Robert Dukart, Andrea Lannen-Littlefield, Lindsey Lewis, Gordon Sachs, Mike Henry, Troy Phelps, Mike Rubenstein, Beau Dobberstein, Bryan Stamps, Mike Rubenstein, Nate Hesse, John Mckee, Ben Oakleaf, Matt Shaddle, Persephone Whelan, Maj Brian West, Col TJ Gagnon, Jed Johns, Stu Levenbach, Mark Hazelgren, Katie Berrey, Kristin Sleeper, Wyatt Frampton, Christine Dawe, Sarah Fisher, Eva Vrana, Lisa Branum, Grant Beebe, Joe Majewski, Susie Bates, Aaron Baldwin, Meagan Conry, Ed Christopher, Chris Wilcox, Jason Fallon, Rebecca Miller, Josh Jamison, Senator Sheehy

### NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 12 August 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 84 new starts, 33 uncontained large fires, 13 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 342 crews, 915 engines, 108 helicopters, 16,902 personnel assigned.

**North Ops:** PL3, 24 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Orleans Complex – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 22,100 acres, 81% contained.

**Northwest:** PL3, moderate IA, 24 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Bear Creek II – NW Team 3, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 260 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Gulch – NW Team 7, active behavior, timber, 5,600 acres, 3% contained.

Pomas – Moderate behavior, limited perimeter growth, light fuels, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

**South Ops:** PL3, moderate to heavy IA, 29 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Gifford – CA Team 5, active behavior, light fuels, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 119,000 acres, 33% contained.

Gold – CA Team 6, minimal behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 47% contained.

Canyon – Ventura County, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 5,300 acres, 80% contained.

Rosa – Cal Fire, minimal behavior, timber, residences threatened, 1,700 acres, 90% contained.

Panoche – Cal Fire, minimal behavior, timber, residences threatened, 423 acres, 75% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL2, 1 uncontained large fire.

Lightning Creek – Minimal behavior, slash and timber, structures threatened, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

**Great Basin:** PL3, light IA, 5 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 5 TOC GB Team 2 today, active behavior, timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 72,000 acres, 36% contained.

Buelah – GB team 4, extreme behavior, timber, 3 large spots, communities threatened, evacuations, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Big Springs – Active behavior, light fuels, 1,483 acres, 30% contained.

Jakes – Minimal behavior, light fuels, habitat threatened, 82,000 acres, 85% contained.

Adobe Mountain – Minimal behavior, light fuels, habitat threatened, 10,000 acres, 97% contained.

**Southern Area:** PL1, 8 new starts.

Backbone – LA, moderate behavior, southern rough and timber, 1,800 acres, 0% contained.

**Rocky Mountain:** PL3, moderate IA, 15 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Oak – County, timber, 100 acres, 0% contained.

Buck – SD, timber, expecting wind, 50 acres.

Elk RBX – RM Team 3, managing Lee, moderate behavior, timber and light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, 14,635 acres, 30% contained.

Lee – Extreme behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 115,000 acres, 7% contained.

Turner Gulch – NR Team 2, active behavior, timber, community threatened, 28,403 acres, 49% contained.

Stoner Mesa – Active behavior, timber, community threatened, 3,580 acres, 0% contained.

Twelve – Minimal behavior, light fuels, habitat threatened, 4,200 acres, 80% contained.



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Waters Canyon – BIA, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 206 acres, 90% contained.

**Southwest:** PL3, 8 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CMITs.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 2 TOC GB Team 7 today, active behavior, brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 144,000 acres, 44% contained.

Middle Mesa – SW Team 3, moderate behavior, residences and infrastructure threatened, 5,050 acres, 42% contained.

Billy – Active behavior, brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 12,500 acres, 16% contained.

Kirkland – AZ state, minimal behavior, light fuels, 913 acres, 90% contained.

Indian Creek – SW Team 4, managing Bronco, minimal behavior, grass, 2,300 acres, 0% contained.

Bronco – Timber, 18,110 acres, 0% contained.



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## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

#### WEATHER SUMMARY

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

- Hot and dry conditions increase across the Pacific Northwest today and tomorrow ahead of some breezy westerly winds on Wednesday as the ridge breaks down – high risk significant fire potential is forecast near and east of the Cascades on Wednesday.
- Hot and very dry conditions maintain across California.
- Isolated dry thunderstorms with gusty outflow winds are possible across the Southwest today, with isolated dry thunderstorms possibly spreading to other parts of the West over the coming days.
- Broadly light winds across the Great Basing today and tomorrow, however winds increase on Wednesday.

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

- A robust but brief surge of monsoon moisture for the Southwest and Greater Four Corners late this week, with the greatest threat of new ignitions Thursday due to mixed wet/dry thunderstorms. Drier conditions are expected to return across the Greater Four Corners early next week
- Periods of breezy west/southwesterly winds for eastern Oregon and the northern/western Great Basin late this week
- Below average temperatures for much of the Northwest and California into this weekend, with wetting rain west of the Cascades in Washington and northern Oregon, locally heavy
- Dry and breezy Thursday for the southern Plains before increased RH this weekend, with dry conditions likely returning to northern New England



Tropical Storm Erin will develop into a hurricane, impacts to the eastern US late next week are still uncertain.

### Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

3 active Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories.

Highest fire danger remains focused on Intermountain West, but ETCs have risen in coastal N CA, OR, OK, AR, and the Northeast.

Threat for new ignitions in the northwest while the ridge breaks down.

Forecasted Severe Fire Danger Index shows low significant fire potential below the Rim and high/very high potential for RM, GB, and SOPS.

Analytics group spider charts shows SOPS with the highest growth potential for existing fires in 6 of the rated categories, followed by RM.



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## Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		26	4
VLAT		4	
MAFFS		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	101	2	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	39	0	
HELO TYPE3	49	4	
LARGE TRANS		Nothing scheduled.	
CIMT	13	14	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	68	4	
CREW TYPE 2IA	118	3	
CREW TYPE 2	177	500	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	31	193	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	12	
RAPPELERS		96	
CATERERS	16	13	
SHOWERS	26	28	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	46
TANKER	2
HELO	13
AIR ATTACK	
IR	26 (weather, mechanical, personnel emergency)
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2, 4, 1
ENGINES	32
OVERHEAD	109 (dispatch, HEQB, HECM)
PENDING	48 oh, 38 engines, 4 crews, 12 helicopters



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Light IA, transitioning CIMTs.

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

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Decreased to PL1, disaster declaration issued for Juneau area in preparation of potential glacier flooding.
- Southern Area: NTR

### Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Supporting other GAs with resources.

### Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Title 10 medevac RFA initial locations have been selected, in brief will be discussed
- Eastern Area: FDNY T3 IMT available. Rostering CIMT for upcoming rotation.
- Southwest: GB Team 7 took command of Dragon Bravo this morning. Incident activity continues.

### Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Continue to have good state to state resource sharing. CO is most active state, TX will go to PL2 this afternoon. ND continuing to assist Canada through Compacts.
- Rocky Mountain: Lee continues to be priority, evacuations, Highway 13 closed. Turner Gulch expressing concerns with Uranium exposure, running soil tests. Expecting CIMT request for Stoner Mesa and replacement requests for Turner Gulch and Lee.

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

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Moderate IA, good crew sharing with SOPS.
- SOPs: Moderate IA. Gifford planning large 50,000 acres backfiring operation, outcome will determine the need for replacement CIMT.

### Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Moderate IA, large fires seeing minimal growth. Replacement CIMT request for Bear Gulch expected. Continue to balance GA need and exporting resources.





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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

#### Aviation

SW reopening Show Low seat base.

1 VLAT out of service mechanical until at least Wednesday.

Activated 4 MAFFS over the weekend in Colorado Springs and Mesa, AZ.

3 T1 helicopters moved from NR to SOPS, SW, and RM.

Rappel ship reassigned from NW to GB.

Lee incident staffed with UAS.

#### Crews

Nearly equal crew distribution between active geographic areas; GB, RM, and SW.

CA maintains 25% of national crews, sharing well between NOPS and SOPS.

NW will release additional crews as threat of the ridge breakdown decreases.

#### Teams

4 CIMTs available in this week's national rotation.

Revisit in exec.

#### National Surge Package

Surge #2 is complete.

Surge #3 in CO supporting IA, LWD 8/23.

Surge #4 in briefing in Laramie, WY on 8/12.

### NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

### International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC continues at PL5.

Over 500 international personnel assigned.

### NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

Turner Gulch mobilizing resources for Uranium discussions and testing.

Publication of NWCG bulletin regarding PPE decontamination posted.

Laundry units available expected to be impacted.

## Administration

PL – 4 (4.40)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

