

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 13, 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"/> Chair: Shane McDonald	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Dave Celino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Jesse Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Sean Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
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Additional Attendees: Brad Sawyer, Kevin Conn, Jeff Walther, George Geissler, Shane Santos, Russ Babiak, Jan Johnson, Troy Phelps, Don Pyrah, Kim Albracht, Roman Watson, Anne Jewell, Penny States, Jason Bruce, Ben Oakleaf, Casey Teske, Perry Breitenstein, TJ Gagnon, Maj Brian West, Alex Melitsis, Beau Dobberstein, Robert Dukart, Mike Henry, Persephone Whelan, Lindsey Lewis, Maegan Maughan, Megan Heffentrager, Nate Hesse, Mike Rubenstein, Gordon Sachs, Sara Sink, Bryan Stamps, Stu Rodeffer

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 14 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 28 uncontained large fires, 13 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 339 crews, 928 engines, 150 helicopters, 16,953 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires.

Mountain – Minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 980 acres, 30% contained.

Orleans Complex – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 22,100 acres, 83% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 6 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Bear Gulch – NW Team 7, CA Team 7 mobilizing, active behavior, uphill runs and torching, timber, structures threatened, 7,400 acres, 3% contained.

Bear Creek II – NW Team 3 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 267 acres, 32% contained.

Duff – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 300 acres.

South Ops: PL3, 24 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Gifford – CA Team 5, active behavior, light fuels, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 130,000 acres, 37% contained.

Gold – CA Team 6 TOC local unit tomorrow, scattered perimeter heat, minimal behavior, timber, 1,050 acres, 79% contained.

Canyon – Minimal behavior, light fuels, communities and infrastructure threatened, 5,370 acres, 97% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, 9 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Mission Butte – Light fuels and cedar, 350 acres.

New start in NW Montana, timber, 30-40 acres.

Great Basin: PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Rock – merged with Duck and Lone Tree, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 2, moderate behavior, brush and timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, evacuations, 72,200 acres, 38% contained.

Beulah – GB Team 4, active behavior, timber, communities and habitat threatened, evacuations, 3,300 acres, 0% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 7 new starts.

Backbone – Moderate behavior, southern rough and timber, 1,348 acres, 7% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 15 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Big Springs – County, timber and light fuels, 150 acres, high potential for growth with winds.

Crosho – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evaluating CIMT need, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Elk RBX – RM Team 3, managing Lee, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, community and infrastructure threatened, 14,550 acres, 75% contained.

Lee – Extreme behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 123,200 acres, 6% contained.



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Turner Gulch – NR Team 2, active behavior, timber and light fuels, community threatened, 29,100 acres, 51% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1, active behavior, timber, community threatened, 7,100 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 8 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – GB Team 7, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 144,350 acres, 44% contained.

Indian Creek – SW Team 4, managing Bronco, minimal behavior, brush, 2,500 acres, 25% contained.

Bronco – Moderate behavior, timber, 18,150 acres, 16% contained.

Billy – Active behavior, brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 18,000 acres, 13% contained.

Goodwin – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 1,000 acres, 32% contained.

Middle Mesa – SW Team 3 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, brush, 5,000 acres, 66% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

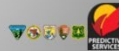
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Efficient dry lightning occurred across inland parts of the Pacific Northwest last night, with elevated to critical conditions expected across those parts today.
- Hot, dry and breezy conditions across the Pacific Northwest and northern Great Basin today – high risk significant fire potential is forecast near and east of the Cascades.
- Isolated dry thunderstorms with gusty outflow winds are expected to increase across parts of the Southwest and Great Basin over the coming days – new ignitions are possible on the western fringes.
- Hot and very dry conditions maintain across California today before easing a little later this week.
- Average to a little below average temperatures develop across much of the west over the coming days.
- Wetting rain developing west of the Cascades in Washington and northern Oregon on Friday.

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- A brief surge of monsoon moisture for the Southwest and Greater Four Corners late this week with mixed wet/dry thunderstorms continuing. Drier conditions are expected to return across the Greater Four Corners early next week
- Hot, above average temperatures redevelop across the west from mid next week as a ridge build over the area.
- Dry and breezy Saturday for the southern Plains before increased RH this weekend, with dry conditions likely returning to northern New England



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Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory for GB and RM renewal day.

3 active Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories.

Highest ERCs remain focused over Intermountain West.

Some improvement in TX/OK/AR and Coastal OSC.

Drying in Northeast and Northwest, and N Front Range.

Severe Fire Danger Index low in the SW, high in TM, GB, and OSC.

Based on the 6 spider chart metrics, RM is squarely leading the fire danger potential.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		31	
LEAD ASM		16	
SEAT	101	2	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	39	0	
HELO TYPE3	49	5	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	12	14	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	68	3	
CREW TYPE 2IA	110	1	
CREW TYPE 2	194	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	42	174	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	17	
RAPPELERS		100	
CATERERS	15	14	
SHOWERS	27	15	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	2
UAS	
SCOOPER	4
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	1 IHC, 3 T2IA
ENGINES	19
OVERHEAD	32
PENDING	31 ih, 9 engines, 1 CIMT, 4 T1/T2IA crews, 6 T2 crews, 3 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Moving Monroe Canyon camp.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: Employees in Anchorage @ JBER impacted by POTUS visit, moving offsite for several days.
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: Expecting glacial lake flood to crest today, coordinating with USGS, preparing.
- Northern Rockies: Numerous smoke reports from lightning, anticipating busy IA day. Staffing South Meadow at 77 acres, Mission Butte reporting 415 acres.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Title 10 helicopters enroute to CA, SIM planned for Friday.
- Eastern Area: Indices on the rise, unseasonably active.
- Southwest: Active on the south end.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain) – Dave Celino

- NASF: No critical needs, WY reporting emerging county fire with all state aviation resources engaged.
- Rocky Mountain: Crosho is the focal point, critical need for crews. Stoner Mesa making good progress. Turner Gulch downsized resource request. Oak almost wrapped up, repopulation occurring today. Surge package was extremely helpful for IA.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: Bear Gulch saw largest growth day yesterday, optimistic for rain; many low-medical insect bites.
- NOPs: Continued dry conditions.
- SOPs: Looking forward to relief, red medical on Gifford yesterday released to home unit.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Light IA. Bear Gulch CA Team 7 in brief tomorrow, TOC tomorrow afternoon/evening. Scholfield Fire in OR request for LATs was due to vehicle burn over. Scenic fire in no retardant location, heavy use of scoopers and helicopters expected. Concern with IA today.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

Continued UTF on SEAT Manager orders.

Heavy scoop and LAT order requests this morning.

2 scoopers from SW and 2 scoopers from RM to GB/Rock IA.

18 UMODs out.

34 TFRs, 1 intrusion yesterday in norther UT shutting down helicopter operations briefly.

Military

All MAFFS flew yesterday.

6 Blackhawks enroute to SAC for in brief Friday, liaison on scene.

Crews

No national availability, significant internal movement occurring.

NR and GB responding to IA and emerging incidents following lightning event.

Teams

Turner Gulch CIMT order will be filled today.

Elk RBX/Lee CIMT replacement request submitted.

Dispatch

Craig/Fort Collins dispatch radios went down, entered COOP.

Dispatch name requests intercepted and shifted to CO for support.

CA building dispatch team to support Craig Dispatch long-term support.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 looking at repositioning back to preposition for IA.

Surge #4 on Crosho.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

Meeting with CIFFC

Canada ant PL5, continued high activity.

3 overhead from MN supporting Manitoba today through compact.

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

NW has continued safety call.

NR discussing standing up MAC group and safety call.



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Administration

PL – 4 (4.40)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Military Use Handbook

NICC finishing for NMAC review by Friday.

Playbooks and indices are being updated in real-time with resource activations.

Stu will present overview on 8/15.

NMAC AAR

Week of October 28-30.

Jesse will follow up with ICAC and CGAC on meeting dates.

Revisit 8/14.

Teams

Lee CIMT replacement request DTN 8/17.

CIMT Coordinator working through several options.

Revisit 8/14.

Turner Gulch CIMT replacement request will be filled this afternoon.

Consider prepositioning a team with expected lightning.

Crews

Generally good distribution of crews through active GAs.

EA states holding resources with elevated conditions.

Revisit in exec.

