

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

August 14, 2025

1100-1300

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:

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### NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 15 August 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, moderate to heavy IA, 160 new starts, 36 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 327 crews, 923 engines, 122 helicopters, 16,500 personnel assigned.

**North Ops:** PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires.

Mountain – Minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 980 acres, 50% contained.  
Orleans Complex – 2 fires, minimal behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 22,139 acres, 84% contained.

**Northwest:** PL3, moderate IA, 25 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Central Ferry – WA Fire Marshall, 1,500 acres.

Crescent Road – DNR, extreme behavior, timber, structures threatened, 800 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Gulch – NW Team 7 TOC CA Team 7 tomorrow, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 9,000 acres, 3% contained.

Bear Creek II – NW Team 3 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber, 8,200 acres, 70% contained.

**South Ops:** PL3, moderate IA, 29 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

King – LA County, burning on both sides of I-5, active behavior, 500 acres, 5% contained.

Gifford – CA Team 5, active behavior, light fuels, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 133,000 acres, 41% contained.

Gold – CA team 6 TOC local unit today, moving resources to King, minimal behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 85% contained.

Canyon – Minimal behavior, brush, 5,300 acres, 97% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL2, heavy IA, 28 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires.

Sunset – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, scoopers mobilizing, 900 acres, 0% contained.

Meyer – Timber, 100 acres.

Horn – Brush and timber, 2,000 acres.

Dry Head – Light fuels, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Summer Springs – Active behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Pony Creek – Active behavior, timber and grass, residences threatened, 1,062 acres, 20% contained.

Mission Butte – Active behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

**Great Basin:** PL3, moderate IA, 25 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Elkhorn – Salmon-Challis NF, timber, 1,000 acres.

Rock – GB Team 6 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber, spotting, structures threatened, 1,900 acres, 0% contained.

Box – Extreme behavior, brush and juniper, residences and infrastructure threatened, 5,000 acres, 0% contained.

Willard Peak – Ogden, residences threatened, 800 acres.

Dugway – DoD, 600 acres, unstaffed.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 2, active behavior, brush and timber, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 72,195 acres, 41% contained.

Beulah – GB Team 4, active behavior, timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

**Southern Area:** PL1, 2 uncontained large fires.

Backbone – Moderate behavior, southern rough, 1,650 acres, 10% contained.



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Plummer Creek – Moderate behavior, light fuels, 400 acres, 0% contained.

**Rocky Mountain:** PL3, light to moderate IA, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Red Canyon – WY, active behavior, light fuels, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Spring Creek – County, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Elk RBX – RM Team 3, managing Lee, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, community and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 14,500 acres, 75% contained.

Lee – Extreme behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, community and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 123,222 acres, 4% contained.

Turner Gulch – NR Team 2, NR Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, community threatened, 30,000 acres, 53% contained.

Crosho – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 1,700 acres, 0% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, community threatened, 7,400 acres, 0% contained.

**Southwest:** PL3, 6 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Washington – Tonto NF, SW Team 1 assigned, 110 acres.

Dragon Bravo – GB Team 7, active behavior, brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 144,000 acres, 54% contained.

Billy – Active behavior, brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 20,000 acres, 21% contained.

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

Bronco – Moderate behavior, timber, 18,100 acres, 21% contained.

Middle Mesa – SW Team 3 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, brush, 5,000 acres, 92% contained.



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## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Saturday)

- High-risk significant fire potential today for much of the Great Basin and central Rockies due to mixed wet/dry lightning and breezy southwest winds continuing the escalation in activity that began yesterday
- Gradually cooler conditions in the Northwest and California into the weekend, with higher RH as well
- An atmospheric river will bring heavy rain to western Washington through tomorrow, with scattered wetting rain for western Oregon, northern Washington and northern Idaho Saturday
- A surge in monsoon moisture tomorrow will temporarily moderate conditions for Arizona, Utah, and Colorado
- Breezy for the southern Plains, strongest Saturday, while dry conditions persist for the Northeast

##### Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Monsoon moisture wanes early to mid-next week but is expected to return to Arizona late next week
- Above normal temperatures are expected across much of the West mid to late next week, especially for the northern two-thirds of the Intermountain West
- How far north the monsoon moisture moves is uncertain, which will have an impact on significant fire potential in the Great Basin and central Rockies
- Lighter winds for the southern Plains after Sunday, with a chance of thunderstorms at times next week, but widespread wetting rain is not expected, while the Northeast remains dry overall
- Impacts from Tropical Storm Erin remain uncertain and depend on where recurvature occurs, but increased swells are surf are likely at a minimum



Another day of significant initial attack and emerging large fires today due to dry lightning and breezy southwest winds, focused on the Great Basin, central Rockies, and southwest Montana. Conditions will moderate tomorrow into the weekend.

### Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory updated to cover Utah, AZ Strip, W Colorado, and SW Wyoming. Highest ERCs are focused on Intermountain West.

Observed fuels flammability and fire behavior in NR is greater than NFDRS metrics would suggest.



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## Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	3
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		13 pilots, 15 planes	
SEAT	100	3	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	39	0	
HELO TYPE3	49	4	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	16	15	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	65	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	117	0	
CREW TYPE 2	194	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	69	179	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	15	
RAPPELERS		92	
CATERERS	17	12	
SHOWERS	28	29	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	10 LATs, 3 VLAT
HELO	3
AIR ATTACK	
IR	5
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	0
ENGINES	10
OVERHEAD	29
PENDING	34 overhead, 30 engines, 7 T1/T2IA crews, 1 T2 crew, 6 helicopters



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Realigning helicopters, assigning T3 IMT on Box incident.

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

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: NTR

### Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Sunset incident is IDL fire, internal T3 IMT assigned. Southeastern MT fires are mostly DNR, robust T3 IMT assisting. No indication for ordering CIMT. Resource coordination, especially crews, is working well.

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

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: FDNY T3 IMT available.
- Southwest: Feeling comfortable with T3 IMT on Billy incident, utilizing road system for burnout operations.

### Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain) – Dave Celino

- NASF: Increased IA for most of the western states. Continued state to state support for RM. ND assisting Canada with resources.
- Rocky Mountain: Expecting additional IA, competition for aviation resources. Turner Gulch monitoring Red Flag Warnings, testing is ongoing, all samples below thresholds. Spring Creek looking for engines and other resources.

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

- NPS: Dry Head incident uncertain about size.
- NOPs/SOPs: CWCG struggling with ICLIP ordering, will reach out to Nate Hesse. Beginning discussions on 2026 CIMT rostering. Establishing procedures for Title 10 helicopters.

### Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Escalation in IA yesterday.
- NW: PL3, busy chasing IA. No critical needs or concerns. Bear Creek II TOC local unit this morning. Concerns with Bear Gulch. Potential lightning after the expected precipitation.



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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

#### Aviation

UTFs for pilots starting today due to pay cap.

NW and RM supporting NR with helicopters.

CA looking for helicopter managers internally to cover Title 10 helicopter 24-hour coverage.

16 UMODs out with 80 pilots.

#### Crews

Significant internal movement in NR, NW, and GB.

Several IHC Sups approaching pay cap.

#### Teams

SW in briefs on Washington incident this morning.

National Rotation 8/14-20: NR, EA, CA, NW, SW

#### National Surge Packages

Surge #3 released from Oak incident, enroute to Red Canyon in WY.

Surge #4 assigned to Crosho incident.

### NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

### International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC remains at PL5 with 715 active fires.

Personnel from Australia and New Zealand remain mobilized in Canada.

Shadow IMT will be postponed until 2026.

### NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

NTR

## Administration

PL – 4 (4.58)

GACC Priority: RM, GB, SW, NR, SOPS, NW - **Revisit in exec.**

Resource Allocation: NTR



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## Admin Topics

### Aviation – Lead Planes

FS has 2 supervisory pilots that have reached the pay cap for the year, availability will be local only moving forward.

Working with regions to effectively staff the pilots with their 80 hours.

Lead ASM pilots are approaching pay cap in the next couple of weeks.

Plan to have 12-day availability cycles split on the pay period.

Aviation is drafting a staffing plan to cover staffing through the end of the year.

### National Surge Package

NMAC Ops will follow up with AICC to develop IA surge #5.

Recommend bringing down a surge package down to lower 48. -Support

Revisit 8/15.

### CIM AAR

Maintain schedule of October 29-30. -Support

### IWDG Tasking

Review Increase in Incident Support Capabilities Tasking, NMAC 2023-02, with IWDG.

8/19 hour following NMAC conclusion.

### Crews

T2IA crew traveling down from AK to lower 48.

Will start losing IHC to end of season every couple of weeks.

### GACC Priority Settings

Priority setting is based on timing and accurate reporting of large fires through 209 from the GACCs.

Factors include values at risk, resource commitment, teams, and incident duration.

Resource coordination and allocation is not impacted by the IMSR priority settings.

GA PL does not factor into the IMSR priority settings.

Revisit over the winter.

RM, GB, SW, NR, SOPS, NW -Support

### Teams

Recommend filling Lee/Elk RBX CIMT replacement request with NR. -Support

Recommend prepositioning EA to SLC with DTN 8/16 @1800. -Support

Propose prioritizing FDNY T3 IMT for assignment. -Support

### NMAC Decisions

Snapshot of decisions will be sent via email immediately after NMAC concludes.

Chair will approve verbiage.

Executive Secretary will email CGAC, GACC Center Managers, and NMAC.

