

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 15, 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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Shane McDonald	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
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Additional Attendees: Jeff Walther, Shane Santos, Russ Babiak, Kevin Conn, Angie Forbes, Kim Albracht, Jason Bruce, Megan Heffentrager, Jan Johnson, Penny States, Robert Dukart, Stu Rodeffer, Ryan Sundberg, Wade Clack, Roman Watson, Shaun Jensen, Maj Brian West, Casey Teske, Sara Sink, Persephone Whelan

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 18 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 128 new starts, 43 uncontained large fires, 15 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 350 crews, 1,014 engines, 135 helicopters, 17,730 personnel assigned.

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

Mountain – Minimal behavior, light fuels structures and infrastructure threatened, 980 acres, 75% contained.

Orleans Complex – 2 fires, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 22,144 acres, 88% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 18 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Bear Gulch – NW Team 7 TOC CA Team 7 today, active behavior, timber, received precipitation, 8,300 acres, 3% contained.

Crescent Road – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 779 acres, 0% contained.

Central Ferry – WA State Fire Marshall Office, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 6,600 acres, 40% contained.

South Ops: PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Hawk – LA County, light fuels, 400 acres, 42% contained.

King – LA County, moderate behavior, light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, 577 acres, 40% contained.

Gifford – CA Team 5, moderate behavior, light fuels, communities and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 132,760 acres, 51% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, light IA, 12 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, several fires in eastern Yellowstone National Park.

Bivens Creek – 150 acres.

Cloudrest – Timber and brush, 300 acres.

Windy Rock – MT state, timber, 100 acres.

Sunset – IDL, NR Team 5 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Lightning Creek – Minimal behavior, slash and timber, structures threatened, 2,482 acres, 10% contained.

Horn – Active behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 2,260 acres, 10% contained.

Summer Springs – Active behavior, timber and grass, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,500 acres, 0% contained.

Pony Creek – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, 2,600 acres, 40% contained.

Mission Butte – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, 6,150 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 23 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Rancho – County, light fuels, air tankers ordered, 1,000 acres.

Chin Creek – Ely District, timber, air tankers ordered, 600 acres.

Rock – GB Team 6 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, spotting, structures threatened, 2,350 acres, 0% contained.

Box – Extreme behavior, light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, 4,300 acres, 0% contained.

Elkhorn – Active behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 0% completed.

Dugway – DoD, 100% contained.

Willard Peak – Ogden, active behavior, forward progress stopped, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 500 acres, 14% contained.



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Beulah – GB Team 4, active behavior, timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 4,350 acres, 0% contained.
Monroe Canyon – GB Team 2, moderate behavior, brush and timber, community and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 73,800 acres, 52% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 17 new starts, several light fuels incidents in FL.

Backbone – Active behavior, southern rough and timber, 1,850 acres, 20% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 10 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Elk RBX – RM Team 3, managing Lee, moderate behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 14,500 acres, 83% contained.

Lee – RM Team 3, NR Team 1 mobilizing, extreme behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 136,000 acres, 10% contained.

Crosho – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 2,200 acres, 0% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1, extreme behavior, timber, community threatened, 7,500 acres, 0% contained.

Turner Gulch – NR Team 2 TOC NR Team 3 tomorrow, active behavior, timber, community threatened, 32,000 acres, 75% contained.

Spring Creek – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Red Canyon – Extreme behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 30,000 acres, 0% contained.

Sleeper Ranch – Extreme behavior, light fuels, 8,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3, light IA, 10 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – GB Team 7, active behavior, brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 145,000 acres, 56% contained.

Washington – SW Team 1, extreme behavior, timber and light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Billy – Active behavior, brush, structures threatened, 21,600 acres, 32% contained.

Indian Creek – SW Team 4, minimal behavior, grass, structures threatened, 2,379 acres, 64% contained.

Bronco – Minimal behavior, timber, 18,156 acres, 21% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Sunday)

- High-risk significant fire potential today for the northeast Great Basin and southwest Montana due to mixed wet/dry lightning and breezy southwest winds continuing the escalation in activity that began Wednesday, with thunderstorm risk continuing for southwest Montana and Yellowstone National Park tomorrow
- Gradually cooler conditions in the Northwest and California into the weekend, with wetting rain most likely west of the Cascades
- A surge in monsoon moisture today will temporarily moderate conditions for Arizona, Utah, and Colorado into tomorrow before rapid drying returns Sunday with very low RH and poor recovery
- Breezy for the southern Plains, strongest Saturday, while dry conditions persist for the Northeast with low RH in northern New England

Long-term (Monday through next Saturday)

- Well 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 with very low RH and poor overnight recovery creating long burn periods
- The monsoon wanes early next week, with how far west and north the moisture moves late next week uncertain
- Another surge is most likely for Arizona with relief, but more limited moisture for the Great Basin and central Rockies may result in isolated mixed wet/dry lightning and several new ignitions if not large fires
- Lighter winds for the southern Plains, with a chance of thunderstorms at times next week, but widespread wetting rain is not expected, while the Northeast remains dry overall, with stronger winds possible late next week
- Impacts from Tropical Storm Erin remain uncertain and depend on where recurvature occurs, but increased swells are surf are likely at a minimum



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Improving conditions Westside of north Cascades and along the Canadian border due to the atmospheric river.

Improvement in coastal CA with cooler temperatures and the marine layer.

NR anomaly considering class thresholds, spotty rain coverage, vegetation stress and mortality.

Wetter soils but dryer fuels than anticipated in NR.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	3
VLAT		2	2
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	102	1	
HELO TYPE1	79	0	
HELO TYPE2	40	0	
HELO TYPE3	49	4	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	15	13	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	63	4	
CREW TYPE 2IA	117	1	
CREW TYPE 2	192	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	103	150	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	4	18	
RAPPELERS		87	
CATERERS	17	11	
SHOWERS	27	25	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	28
TANKER	7
HELO	5
AIR ATTACK	
IR	6
UAS	
SCOOPER	8
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	2
ENGINES	7
OVERHEAD	31
PENDING	27 overhead, 30 engines, 4 T1 crews, 7 T2IA crews, 15 T2 contract crews, 19 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Busy with IA, no major concerns with emerging incidents, replacement crew cliff upcoming.

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 mobilizing NR Team, FMAG approved. Windy Rock may move county assist team, assessing CIMT needs throughout the day. Anticipate crew orders, good coordination and availability on smokejumpers and crews. Wind stopped in eastern Montana. Beaverhead NF may mobilize T3 IMT for incidents.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Title 10 hoist briefing and training beginning this morning, operational 8/17.
- Eastern Area: Dry, FDNY T3 IMT mobilizing to WY.
- Southwest: Washington incident has several evacuation areas, difficult terrain. Expecting areas of precipitation, and more starts with lightning.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain) – Dave Celino

- NASF: NM supporting WY through the compact. ND and MI sending resources west.
- Rocky Mountain: Lee and Turner Gulch starting downsizing glidepath. Crosho not expected to request CIMT. Stoner Mesa looking good, UTFs are challenging. Red Canyon is at 30,000 acres, NV T3 IMT inbound, national surge #3 in place. Spring Creek completed successful burnout that should hold, 60-65mph outflow winds yesterday. Sleeper Ranch supported with few equipment resources.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: Ongoing IA in Yellowstone NP.
- NOPs: Moving resources, exporting while maintaining IA capability.
- SOPs: Gifford will submit replacement CIMT request' CA CIMT 5 will only need to extend 1 – 2 days. Dispatchers hitting pay cap.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Bear Gulch TOC to CA Team 7 today. WA state receiving precipitation. Expecting lightning this weekend, will continue exporting resources.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

T2 CWN helicopters coming available, overhead needed before able to fill.

Crews

Realigning crews in NW and NR with anticipated weather.

Strong internal movement in NW, NR and GB for IA and emerging incidents.

Teams

EA prepositioning to SLC 8/17.

Lee/Elk RBX replacement request placed to NR.

Sunset filled internally with NR.

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

Military

All MAFFS were utilized yesterday.

5/6 hoist capable ships made it to CA yesterday.

Navy is providing 2 additional tails to CA.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 committed to Red Canyon.

Surge #4 committed to Crosho.

Surge #5 from AK configured with 5 engines, TFLD, TFLD-T, and ICT3.

-Suggested NDT 8/24 to Boise due to barge schedule.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5.

19 million acres burned.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia seeing abnormally high activity.

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

NTR



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Administration

PL – 4

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

Tracker jumped to 4.82.

No GACCs are at PL4 or 5.

Ordering and UTFs nationally continue to be relatively light.

Engines, helicopters, and personnel assigned are currently nearing PL5 territory.

Recommend staying at PL4 with weather relief and revisiting Monday. –Support

Military Use Handbook

Intent of the handbook is to provide big picture policy and procedures for utilizing the military.

Appendices provide the operating plans and playbooks for how to utilize the military.

Resource utilization priority prior to mobilizing the military is identified.

MUHB will be reviewed and updated annually.

Playbooks and how-to documents will be maintained in real time as deployments occur.

Email MUHB, signed DOI/FS Military agreement, Appendix A, and Appendix B to NMAC members.

Review and provide fatal flaw comments by 8/28.

Risk Analytic Group

Briefing will be weekly, on Wednesdays.

First briefing will be 15 minutes in the Admin section, subsequent briefings will be at the beginning of the predictive services briefing.

NMAC Decisions

Decisions will be emailed to CGAC, GACC Center Managers, and NMAC at 1330 daily.

