

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 18, 2025

1100-1230

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: Shane Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Sean Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
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Additional Attendees: Jeff Walther, Russ Babiak, Kevin Conn, Josh Simmons, Penny States, Sara Sink, Gordon Sachs, Ryan Sundberg, John Mckee, Shaun Jensen, Jan Johnson, Kim Albracht, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Robert Dukart, Mike Henry, Ben Oakleaf, Bryan Stamps, Persephone Whelan, Perry Breitenstein, Maj Brian West, TJ Gagnon, Rich Cowger, Jessica Johnson, Nic Strohmeyer, Paul Gellerstedt

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 19 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 237 new starts, 43 uncontained large fires, 17 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 314 crews, 889 engines, 99 helicopters, 16,574 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 7 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Orleans Complex – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 4 engines and 1 helicopter, 22,144 acres, 88% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 4 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Bear Gulch – CA Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, 8,368 acres, 5% contained.

Hooker Creek – Active behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, received precipitation, 1,300 acres, 75% contained.

South Ops: PL3, light IA, 4 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Gifford – CA Team 5 TOC CA Team 8 tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 131,589 acres, 91% contained.

King – LA County, minimal behavior, light fuels, 591 acres, 85% contained.

Hawk – LA County, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 481 acres, 92% contained.

Gold – Minimal behavior, timber and grass, 1,036 acres, 93% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 5 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Knowles – MT state, light fuels, 280 acres, 0% contained.

Mile Marker 91 – MT state, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Sunset – IDL, NR Team 5, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 3,200 acres, 0% contained.

Bivens Creek – NR Team 6, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 1,900 acres, 0% contained.

Windy Rock – MT DNR, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 900 acres, 0% contained.

Cloudrest – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

McAllister – Active behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, evacuations, 3,500 acres, 30% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, moderate IA, 22 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Buckley Draw – Brush and timber, 400 acres.

Cottonwood Peak – EA Team 1, active behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 30,000 acres, 10% contained.

Rock – GB Team 6, moderate behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,600 acres, 0% contained.

Box – Moderate behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 4,100 acres, 29% contained.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 2, minimal behavior, brush and timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 73,655 acres, 75% contained.

Beulah – GB Team 4, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 4,600 acres, 37% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 19 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Backbone – Moderate behavior, 2,400 acres, 58% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 9 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Bum Draw – WY county, 360 acres.



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Red Canyon – RM Team 2, extreme behavior, light fuels, 13,000 acres, growth, structures threatened, evacuations, 91,581 acres, 0% contained.

Crosho – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 2,050 acres, 8% contained.

Lee – RM Team 3 TOC NR Team 1 today, moderate behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 137,500 acres, 60% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, community and structures threatened, 8,525 acres, 0% contained.

Spring Creek – Moderate behavior, timber, 3,500 acres, 24% contained.

Turner Gulch – NR Team 3, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, community threatened, 31,700 acres, 79% contained.

Sleeper Ranch – Moderate behavior, light fuels, habitat threatened, structures and infrastructure threatened, 18,050 acres, 40% contained.

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

Dragon Bravo – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, brush, structures threatened, 144,991 acres, 61% contained.

Washington – SW Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 550 acres, 6% contained.

Billy – Moderate behavior, brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 21,450 acres, 38% contained.

Indian Creek – SW Team 4 TOC local unit tomorrow, managing Bronco, minimal behavior, grass, structures threatened, 2,300 acres, 87% contained.

Bronco – Minimal behavior, received precipitation, timber, 18,000 acres, 66% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Wednesday)

- High-risk significant fire potential develops tomorrow and Wednesday across parts of Idaho and northern/eastern Nevada due to breezier winds possibly picking up holdovers after weekend lightning.
- Well above normal temperatures are expected across much of the West mid to late this week, especially for the northern two-thirds of the Intermountain West with very low RH and poor overnight recovery creating long burn periods
- Thunderstorm activity and potential dry lighting maintains across parts of the Intermountain West this week.

Long-term (Thursday through next Sunday)

- Thunderstorm activity and potential dry lighting risk increases across the Intermountain West later in the week, peaking over the weekend and early next week – isolated dry lightning will be likely over areas that are about to experience unusually hot and dry conditions, likely leading to increased initial attack.
- The ridge will break down over the weekend with a short-wave trough to cross the northwest early next week, potentially brining a period of elevated conditions to the northern Basin.
- The monsoon increases across the southern Four Corners later in the week, bringing increased humidity.
- A burst of stronger northwesterly winds is expected over New England this weakening, increasing fire risk.
- Impacts from Tropical Storm Erin remain uncertain and depend on where recurvature occurs, but increased swells are surf are likely at a minimum



Hurricane Erin expected to cause an increase in northwesterly winds in the NE states Friday through the weekend.

Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory issued for southern California, may be refreshed.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	4
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		31	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	100	3	
HELO TYPE1	79	0	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	49	4	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	17	10	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	58	5	
CREW TYPE 2IA	119	5	
CREW TYPE 2	217	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	119	144	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	6	14	
RAPPELERS		103	
CATERERS	18	9	
SHOWERS	35	22	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	72
TANKER	4
HELO	17 (helicopter manager availability)
AIR ATTACK	
IR	30 (weather)
UAS	
SCOOPER	8
LEAD/ASM	2
CREWS	1 T2 IA crew, 1 camp crew
ENGINES	34
OVERHEAD	178 (SEC, RADO, DIVS)
PENDING	83 overhead, 48 engines, 1 IHC, 2 T2 IA crews, 5 T2 crews, 5 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Buckley Draw evaluating complexity.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: Congressionally to approved Director starts today.
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Busy on Saturday, moderated on Sunday. Concern with holdover fire potential. Expecting heating and lightning. Meeting resource needs moving crews internally, sending up T2 crew requests.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Article surrounding smoke published, people continue to hit pay cap. 8 Title 10 helicopter training went well, 5 will be operational in CA by end of day.
- Eastern Area: FDNY T3 IMT and EA CIMT are out on incidents.
- Southwest: Expecting Dragon Bravo replacement CIMT request.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain) – Dave Celino

- NASF: Continue to send resources to Canada. WY Governor potentially speaking.
- Rocky Mountain: Red Canyon incident of concern, burning through the night, critical need for aviation and T1 crews, vehicle rollover with no injuries. Crosho making good progress. Stoner Mesa will be long term fire. Surge task force #3 moving to Bull Lake incident.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: Dragov Bravo sorting out crew miscommunication.
- NOPs: Green is 100% contained. Orleans Complex Big Cliff incident only activity.
- SOPs: Gifford decreased in acreage.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Received rain over the weekend, expecting drying. Many teams available.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

Aviation

Continued UTFs for SEMG orders.

Tanker 136 has very few hours before meeting 6/36.

Good movement and resource sharing for rotors.

18 UMODs out.

Crews

Good availability for T1 and T2IA crews.

Teams

18 CIMTs committed, supporting 15 incidents.

2 CIMTs remain available on this week's national rotation: CA and NW.

CA Team prepositioning in SLC DTN 8/18 at 1800.

National Rotation 8/21-8/27: NW, CA, AK, CA, GB, RM

National Surge Package

Surge #3 moving to Bull Lake incident, will need 1 day to reset.

Surge #4 released from Crosho, will take 1 day to reset.

Surge #5 from AK working on barge schedule, anticipated arrival in Boise on 8/24.

Looking to imbed Zuni with surge #5.

FDNY T3 IMT assigned to NIFC Large Fire Support, awaiting assignment in Cody, WY.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

Thursday will host staff member from Senator's office.

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5.

Widespread precipitation in some provinces.

Air Canada on strike, many resources unable to fly home, demobilizing to US for flights home.

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

FS experiencing dispatch network issues.

Follow up on GB safety team.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.82)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

National Surge Package

Surge #5 from AK looking at 8/24 arrival date.

NW willing to assemble surge package #6: TFLD, 4 engines, 1 SMOD, with potential for 1 WT and 1 DZ.

BIA will inquire about ICT3-t.

FS will inquire about ICT3 and DIVS.

Aitor will inquire regarding the desire for a WT with NR.

Recommend sending NW-created surge package #6 to NR. -Support

