

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 19, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS/AK/SA: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS/EA/SW: Russ Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Dave Celino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
<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: Kevin Conn, Jeff Walther, Josh Simmons, Kat Sorenson, Jesse Bender, Russ Babiak, Jan Johnson, Shaun Jensen, Lindsey Lewis, Scott Mayer, Zeph Cunningham, Kim Albracht, Jason Bruce, Robert Dukart, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Beale Monday, Rich Cowger, Gordon Sachs, Penny States, Casey Teske, Maj Brian West, Perry Breitenstein, Persephone Whelan, Paul Gellerstedt, Beau Dobberstein

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 20 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 116 new starts, 41 uncontained large fires, 16 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 307 crews, 736 engines, 102 helicopters, 15,453 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 16 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

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

Northwest: PL3, 15 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Bear Gulch – CA Team 7, cloud cover yesterday, moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,373 acres, 7% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 32 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Gifford – CA Team 5 TOC CA Team 8 today, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 131,589 acres, 95% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 8 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

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

Bivens Creek – NR Team 6, managing Cloudrest, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Cloudrest – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 1,900 acres, 0% contained.

Windy Rock – MT DNR, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 850 acres, 0% contained.

Knowles – MT DNR, active behavior, timber and grass, residences threatened, evacuations, 275 acres, 0% contained.

Mile Marker 91 – Active behavior, timber and grass, 300 acres, 0% contained.

McAllister – Minimal behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 3,500 acres, 50% contained.

Horn – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 2,800 acres, 75% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, light IA, 14 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Rock – GB Team 6, active behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,700 acres, 0% contained.

Cottonwood Peak – EA Team 1, extreme behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 64,000 acres, 4% contained.

Buckley Draw – T3 IMT, active behavior, light fuels and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 425 acres, 0% contained.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 2, minimal behavior, brush and timber, communities and structures threatened, evacuations, 73,738 acres, 80% contained.

Beulah – GB Team 4, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 4,900 acres, 39% completed.

Box – Moderate behavior, timber and grass, residences threatened, 4,113 acres, 54% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 10 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Derby – Timber, 300 acres.

La Plata – Timber, 40 acres, T3 IMT ordered.

Red Canyon – RM Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 109,000 acres, 28% contained.

Bull Lake – Moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, 525 acres, 0% contained.

Sleeper Ranch – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 18,000 acres, 60% contained.



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Bum Draw – County, light fuels, 361 acres, 100% contained.

Crosho – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,680 acres, 14% contained.

Lee – NR Team 1, no perimeter growth, moderate behavior, light fuels, communities and infrastructure threatened, 137,485 acres, 60% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1, active behavior, timber, community and structures threatened, 9,000 acres, 0% contained.

Turner Gulch – NR Team 3, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, community threatened, 31,697 acres, 79% contained.

Southwest: PL3, light IA, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, brush, structures threatened, 145,000 acres, 62% contained.

Billy – Moderate behavior, brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 22,800 acres, 38% contained.

Washington – SW Team 1, minimal behavior, no heat detected, light fuels, structures threatened, 515 acres, 21% contained.

Indian Creek – SW Team 4 TOC local unit today, managing Bronco, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 2,379 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)

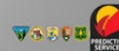
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Thursday)

- High-risk significant fire potential develops today and tomorrow from northeast Nevada into southern Idaho and southwest Montana due to breezy winds and very low RH
- Temperatures rise to well above normal for California, the Great Basin, and northern/central Rockies by Wednesday/Thursday, with very low RH and poor overnight recovery and very unstable conditions in southern California
- The monsoon slowly moves north and west, with improving conditions in the Southwest, but an increase in activity due to dry lightning on the periphery from southern California into the central Great Basin, and central Rockies Thursday
- Continued dry in northern New England, but winds overall will be light
- Hurricane Erin will remain off the coast, but tropical storm force winds are expected for eastern North Carolina and Cape Cod with coastal flooding

Long-term (Friday through next Thursday)

- Continued hot and very dry for California into the weekend, with the heat spreading across the Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies, west of the Divide
- The heat is likely to be prolonged across the Northwest into the northern Rockies much of next week
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms on the periphery of the monsoon moisture plume, especially across California, the Inland Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies
- The monsoon is likely to bring improving conditions to the Southwest, central/southern Great Basin, and Colorado by late weekend and continue into next week



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Recent ERC improvements in CA, NW, N GB, and NR and eroding quickly.

Mixed impacts from sputtering monsoon; progressive relief.

Parts of south/central US to improve with some rain.

Drying and winds in New England could worsen as Hurricane Erin passes.



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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	
SEAT	104	0	
HELO TYPE1	80	1	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	50	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	15	11	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	58	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	116	0	
CREW TYPE 2	211	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	106	144	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	6	18	
RAPPELERS		94	
CATERERS	18	10	
SHOWERS	33	25	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	13
TANKER	2 (preposition)
HELO	3
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	5
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2 camp crews
ENGINES	46
OVERHEAD	58 (Field Observer)
PENDING	71 overhead, 22 engines, 4 IHCs, 6 T2 IA crews, 10 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Working on Monroe Canyon and Beulah recommendations today. MAC calls started on Tuesday and Thursday.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

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

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Peak expected tomorrow with winds and heat. Good feedback on resource coordination and support.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Anticipating Dragon Bravo replacement CIMT request.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain) – Dave Celino

- NASF: WA supporting MT with a LAT and air attack through northwest compact exchange.
- Rocky Mountain: Red Canyon looking better this morning, successful public meeting with the Governor last night. Stoner Mesa concerns with southwest corner activity. La Plata in difficult terrain. Derby incident may be difficult. Potential for Lee to turn back to the local unit later this week.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: SafeCom out of Yellowstone National Park last weekend.
- NOPs: Hoist-capable aircraft positioned and available at 0800 this morning.
- SOPs:

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Support national system, expecting ERCs to reach 97th percentile this weekend, continued IA.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

Aviation

104 SEATS committed, 0 available due to SEMG UTFs.

Teton short haul moving from NW to RM.

1 T1 rappel ship in maintenance this morning, should be back available this afternoon.

Crews

Excellent distribution of T1 and T2IA crews.

3 IHCs on last assignment of the season.

Working on end of season dates for all crews.

Teams

CA Team starts preposition Day 1 in SLC today.

2 CIMTs remain available on this week's national rotation.

Three CIMTs on day 10.

FDNY T3 IMT prepositioned in Cody, WY.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 will not be recrewing, LWD 8/23.

Surge #4 in Laramie, WY. LWD 8/25, uncertain about recrew at this time.

Surge #5 out of AK waiting on barge schedule. -Revisit target GA decision.

Surge #6 out of NW will fill to SOPS.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5.

Widespread rain across many of the provinces.

New Brunswick and Saskatchewan at PL5.

450 international firefighters in county.

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

Discussing position rotation with bureau leads.

Administration

PL – 4

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

National Surge Package

Surge #5 coming from AK needs an order.

Zuni will be meeting up with surge.

NMAC Ops will discuss hosting surge #5 with NOPS and NW with 8/24 arrival.

Surge #6 from NW will mobilize to SOPs. -Support

Teams

Turner Gulch downsizing, supporting emerging incident Derby.

Lee CIMT will support Derby with a branch.

Three day-10 decisions needed. -Revisit 8/20.

