

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

August 20, 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"/> <b>Chair:</b> Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Co-Chair:</b> Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MAC Coordinator:</b>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BLM/GB:</b> Brian Achziger	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NASF/RM:</b> Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NPS/CA:</b> Chuck Russell
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NIIC-D:</b> Mark Hilton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Cache:</b> Marcus Medina	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DoD:</b> Martha Wilkins
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CGAC:</b> Jay Kurth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Note-taker:</b> Nicki Johnston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>IMTs:</b> Travis Bailey

**Additional Attendees:** Greg Smith, Jeff Walther, Jesse Bender, Russ Babiak, Kevin Conn, George Geissler, Kat Sorenson, Mike Henry, TJ Gagnon, Col Little, Tanner Aunan, Robert Dukart, Perry Breitenstein, Angie Forbes, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Jan Johnson, John Mckee, Ryan Sundberg, Bryan Stamps, Rick Stratton, Casey Teske, Candice Stevenson

### NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 21 August 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 90 new starts, 43 uncontained large fires, 14 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 292 crews, 735 engines, 93 helicopters, 15,338 personnel assigned.

**North Ops:** PL3, 14 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

One new start on O'ahu, HI.

Orleans Complex – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 22,144 acres, 91% contained.

**Northwest:** PL3, 16 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Bear Gulch – CA Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,400 acres, 7% contained.

**South Ops:** PL3, 25 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Gifford – CA Team 8, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 131,589 acres, 95% contained.

King – LA County, 591 acres, 100% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL3, light IA, 5 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Good Friday – 100 acres.

Twin – 100 acres.

Island Creek – Active behavior, 1,200 acres, 5% completed.

Sandbar 2 – MT, CIMT on order, timber, 120 acres, 0% contained.

Sunset – IDL, NR Team 5, moderate behavior, brush and timber, evacuations, 3,200 acres, 4% contained.

Bivens Creek – NR Team 6, managing Cloudrest, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,400 acres, 0% contained.

Cloudrest – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 1,300 acres, 0% contained.

Windy Rock – MT DNR, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Knowles – MT DNR, active behavior, timber and grass, residences threatened, evacuations, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Mile Marker 91 – Active behavior, limited perimeter growth, light fuels and timber, 300 acres, 0% contained.

McAllister – No heat detected, light fuels, 3,500 acres, 50% contained.

Dry Head 2 – Active behavior, timber and brush, 700 acres, 65% contained.

**Great Basin:** PL4, 9 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Rock – GB Team 6, active behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,673 acres, 0% contained.

Cottonwood Peak – EA Team 1, extreme behavior, light fuels, community and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 92,000 acres, 4% contained.

Buckley Draw – Active behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 430 acres, 20% contained.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 2, moderate behavior, timber and brush, communities and structures threatened, evacuations, 73,709 acres, 84% contained.

Beulah – GB Team 4, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 4,974 acres, 43% completed.

Box – Active behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 4,300 acres, 54% contained.

**Southern Area:** PL1, 16 new starts, fires in TX, OK, and FL, 3 uncontained large fires.



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Mile Marker 39 – Minimal behavior, grass, 1,600 acres, 0% contained.

Marceaux – Moderate behavior, light fuels, infrastructure threatened, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Backbone – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 2,400 acres, 70% contained.

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

Derby – NR Team 3, active behavior, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Red Canyon – RM Team 2, active behavior, light fuels, evacuations, 118,000 acres, 28% contained.

Spring Creek – Minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 3,600 acres, 30% contained.

Bull Lake – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 525 acres, 30% contained.

Sleeper Ranch – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 18,000 acres, 90% contained.

Crosho – Moderate behavior, limited perimeter heat, timber and brush, residences threatened, 2,067 acres, 22% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1, active behavior, timber, community and structures threatened, 9,400 acres, 10% contained.

Lee – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 137,750 acres, 68% contained.

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

**Southwest:** PL3, 2 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Sheep Spring – SW Team 1, managing Washington, 30 acres.

Washington – SW Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 515 acres, 60% contained.

Dragon Bravo – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, 145,500 acres, 62% contained.

Billy – Active behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 27,500 acres, 43% contained.



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## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

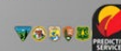
#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Friday)

- Critical day in the Northern Rockies and northern Great Basin with a cold front moving through bringing breezy westerly winds, low RH, and isolated dry lightning for a significant increase in fire activity
- Temperatures rise to well above normal for California, the Great Basin, and central Rockies for Thursday/Friday, with very low RH and poor overnight recovery, while very unstable conditions occur in southern California
- The monsoon slowly moves north and west, with improving conditions in the Southwest, but a significant increase in activity due to dry lightning is expected on the periphery from southern California into the central Great Basin, and central Rockies Thursday and Friday
- Continued dry in northern New England, with a period of breezy/dry north to northeast winds Friday in the wake of Hurricane Erin
- Hurricane Erin will remain off the coast, but tropical storm force winds are expected for eastern North Carolina and possibly Cape Cod today/tomorrow with coastal flooding

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

- 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 to locally scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms on the periphery of the monsoon moisture plume, especially across California, the Northwest, Idaho, and western Montana
- 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
- Modest relief for New England early next week due to rain from a cold front but dry air returns mid to late next week



A significant escalation in fire activity is expected in the Northern Rockies and northern Great Basin today, with an increase in activity due to dry lightning and hot temperatures likely for much of the central Intermountain West and California late this week into this weekend.

### Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

ERC percentiles in Maine have hit the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Interior coastal range thousand-hour fuels are drying.

High risk significant fire potential for the next couple of days include 7 GACCs.



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## Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	3
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		31	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	105	0	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	42	0	
HELO TYPE3	49	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	14	11	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	60	2	
CREW TYPE 2IA	113	0	
CREW TYPE 2	203	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	136	127	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	6	13	
RAPPELERS		70	
CATERERS	16	14	
SHOWERS	30	27	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	13
TANKER	
HELO	4
AIR ATTACK	
IR	7
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	2 camp crews
ENGINES	6
OVERHEAD	67 (HEQB)
PENDING	103 overhead, 17 engines, 8 IHCs, 8 T2 IA crews, 5 T2 crews, 15 helicopters



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Beulah will transition to a T3 IMT. Cottonwood Peak spread to terrain that will be difficult to access. Monroe Canyon replacement CIMT request submitted

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

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

### Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Frontal passage with cooling temperatures starting tomorrow. Elevated conditions today. Reviewing the need for CIMT transition. 40 smokejumpers internal this morning, actively jumping.

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

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Sheep Springs emerging incident active.

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

- NASF: Continued resource sharing across the states. FDNY T3 IMT holding in Cody, WY.
- Rocky Mountain: Critical weather today and tomorrow, shifting resources and exporting if moisture comes to fruition. Turner Gulch took command of Derby incident, setting up remote ICP in GJ. Stoner Mesa's southwest corner is critical with many values at risk.

### Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Hoist ships have 2 in San Bernadino, 1 in Fresno. Building up IA resources for anticipated activity.
- SOPs:

### Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Coordinating Group call this morning, discussing PL.





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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

#### Aviation

SW beginning to export helicopters toward the end of the week.  
Smokejumpers and rappellers actively engaged in IA.  
Tanner Aunan will be Airspace Coordinator through September 1.  
4 Airspace Coordinators assigned supporting 7 GAs.

#### Crews

Good distribution of T1 and T2 IA crews continues.  
Preparing for increased IA in CA and NW.

#### Teams

1 CIMT available on this week's national rotation.  
Sandbar 2 will fill with NW from national rotation, DTN 8/21 1800.  
Monroe Canyon replacement will fill internally with GB.  
Dragon Bravo replacement filled with CA preposition team.  
National Rotation 8/21-8/27: NW, CA, AK, CA, GB, RM.  
FDNY T3 IMT prepositioned in Cody, WY.

#### National Surge Packages

Surge #3 available in Fruita, CO.  
Surge #4 available in Laramie, WY.  
Surge #5 from AK barge scheduled to depart from AK 8/24 to arrive in Seattle 8/27.  
NOPS will host surge #5, travel 8/28..  
SOPS sent order to NW for surge #6, DTN 8/22 at 1600.

### NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

Member of Senator Crapo's staff on campus tomorrow.

### International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL5, most activity continues in Atlantic provinces.  
19 million acres burnt.

### NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

NTR

## Administration

PL – 4 (4.82)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR



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## Admin Topics

### Analytic Products

Fire Modeling Comparison outlines fire weather and potential to predict the fluctuation of incident activity by GA.

Fireline Effectiveness pulls form MODIS and VIIRS and presents which fires are more stagnant.

The trend through time at the GACC level could suggest the suppression demand.

Process is done for all large fires on a recurring daily basis, communicating success and the level of production on a long-duration large fire.

Continued briefing will occur weekly during the NMAC Briefing on Wednesdays after the incident briefing.

### National Surge Package

Target GA needed for surge #5 by 8/24.

Surge #5 would be able to complete a crew swap or R&R in place for a second roll as needed.

### ICAP

ICAP unavailable for 2026 season.

ICAP SME group tested the program for recommendations moving forward.

Recommend review GACC products utilized for team applications and rostering to create a program in the future.

Brian A and Jesse B will contact the BLM NOC and FIRENET respectively to ascertain their capacity to support developing a national product.

CGAC will need to continue to complete the team roster data call manually and report out annually.

### Teams

NR completing complexity analyses on incidents with forecasted conditions.

West Fork incident potential candidate for FDNY T3 IMT.

NR CIMT on Lee will complete operations on 8/21 TOC local unit on 8/23. -Revisit 8/21.

Consider prepositioning additional CIMT. -Revisit 8/21.

Revisit in exec.

### Suppression Framework

Revisit framework, terminology, and next steps in a week.

Revisit in exec.

