

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 22, 2025

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Alex Melitsis /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:
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Additional Attendees: Josh Simmons, Gordon Sachs, Jeff Walther, Jesse Bender, Kat Sorenson, Kevin Conn, Russ Babiak, Maj Brian West, TJ Gagnon, Paul Gellerstedt, Alex Melitsis, Kim Albracht, Beau Dobberstein, Robert Dukart, Ban Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Jan Johnson, Shaun Jensen, Mack McFarland, Ben Oakleaf, Ryan Sundberg, Sara Sink, Penny States, Chris St. Pierre, Casey Teske, Persephone Whelan

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 25 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, 135 new starts, 49 uncontained large fires, 18 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 6 MEDEVAC helicopters in CA, 316 crews, 795 engines, 111 helicopters, 16,560 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, moderate IA, 25 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires.

Coyote – Cal Fire, moderate behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 625 acres, 10% contained.

Pickett – Cal Fire, active behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Kunia Road – HI, minimal behavior, timber, 550 acres, 62% contained.

Northwest: PL3, light IA, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Bear Gulch – CA Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,500 acres, 11% contained.

Flat – OR DOF, active behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, moderate IA, 29 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Crow – Light fuels, 500 acres.

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

Northern Rockies: PL3, light to moderate IA, 23 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Ransome – Timber, 350 acres.

Island Creek – Active behavior, slash and timber, structures threatened, 7,000 acres, 5% completed.

Mire – 305 acres, 0% completed.

Wapiti Creek – Timber, 116 acres.

Good Friday – Timber, 65 acres.

Twin – Timber, 50 acres.

Lonely Mountain – Timber, 50-75 acres.

Schwar Creek – Timber, 10 acres.

Sunset – IDL, NR Team 5, moderate behavior, brush and timber, evacuations, 3,210 acres, 8% contained.

Devil Mountain – MT DNR, extreme behavior, timber, 450 acres, 0% contained.

Windy Rock – MT DNR, extreme behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Bivens Creek – NR Team 6, managing Cloudrest, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,300 acres, 0% contained.

Cloudrest – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 250 acres, 0% contained.

Corral Creek – Active behavior, timber, infrastructure threatened, 220 acres, 0% contained.

Knowles – MT DNR, active behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Sandbar 2 – NW Team 8, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 250 acres, 0% contained.

West Fork – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 1,000 acres, 5% contained.

Pot Mountain – Active behavior, timber and brush, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL4, 11 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Dollar Lake – T3 IMT, active behavior, timber, 1,200 acres.

Cottonwood Peak – EA Team 1, extreme behavior, timber, community and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, 122,110 acres, 4% contained.



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Rock – GB Team 6, active behavior, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,813 acres, 0% contained.

Box – Moderate behavior, no perimeter growth, timber and grass, residences threatened, 4,400 acres, 68% contained.

Buckley Draw – Active behavior, limited perimeter growth, grass and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 446 acres, 21% contained.

Beulah – GB Team 4 TOC T3 IMT Sunday, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 5,200 acres, 48% completed.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 2, GB Team 3 mobilizing, minimal behavior, brush and timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 73,722 acres, 88% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 21 new starts, increased activity in OK and TX, 4 uncontained large fires.

Mile Marker 39 – Minimal behavior, grass, 19,200 acres, 0% contained.

Three Beach – Moderate behavior, grass, 423 acres, 0% contained.

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

Turner Gulch – NR Team 3, managing Derby, minimal behavior, grass and timber, community threatened, 31,699 acres, 80% contained.

Derby – Active behavior, grass and timber, structures threatened, 8,570 acres, 0% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1, active behavior, timber, community threatened, 9,800 acres, 27% contained.

Crosho – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 2,000 acres, 57% contained.

Lee – NR Team 1 TOC FDNY T3 IMT this weekend, moderate behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 137,000 acres, 76% contained.

Red Canyon – RM Team 2, active behavior, no perimeter growth, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, habitat threatened, 125,000 acres, 48% contained

Southwest: PL3, 2 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – GB Team 7, CA Team 9 mobilizing, moderate behavior, brush and timber, 145,500 acres, 63% contained.

Billy – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 27,522 acres, 52% contained.

Washington – SW Team 1 TOC local unit tomorrow, managing Sheep Spring, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 515 acres, 77% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Alex Melitsis)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Sunday)

- A prolonged period of well above normal temperature, low RH, and poor overnight continues across California and the Pacific Northwest today, over the weekend, and into next week.
- The monsoon slowly moves north and west, with improving conditions in the Southwest this weekend, but a significant increase in activity (and possibly initial attack) due to dry lightning is expected on the periphery from southern California into the northern Great Basin and central Rockies today and this weekend.
- Continued dry in northern New England, with a period of breezy/dry north to northeast winds today in the wake of Hurricane Erin, with breezy winds also expected on Sunday

Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Hot temperatures continue for Washington and the Northern Rockies through midweek with very low RH and poor overnight recovery before modest relief from some monsoon moisture later in the week
- Monsoon moisture moves northward, with isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms gradually spreading to the Canadian Border by Wednesday/Thursday for new ignitions
- Dry air will return to the northern half of the West by next weekend, with above normal temperatures and low RH, but the strength of winds is uncertain
- The monsoon will continue to bring relief to the southern half of the West through much of next week before it weakens next weekend
- Continued very dry for coastal New England with periods of breezy/dry westerly winds, while Florida and Oklahoma see relief but Texas may remain drier



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

ERCs increasing sharply across far West due to hot temperatures.

Fuels in Intermountain West remains very dry but expected to improve in SW and adjacent parts of RM and S GB, plus areas of The Divide and S Plains.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	3
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	105	0	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	42	0	
HELO TYPE3	51	2	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	17	12	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	72	12	
CREW TYPE 2IA	125	8	
CREW TYPE 2	191	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	126	130	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	12	12	
RAPPELERS		88	
CATERERS	18	12	
SHOWERS	30	28	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	19
TANKER	5
HELO	4
AIR ATTACK	
IR	6
UAS	
SCOOPER	4
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	1
OVERHEAD	88 (HEQB, SOF, SEC)
PENDING	74 overhead, 31 engines, 7 IHCs, 4 T2 IA, 1 T2 crew, 7 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: Red medical treated and released.
- Great Basin: Monroe Canyon and Beulah transitioning.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

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

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Expecting easterly flow winds today. Ransome incident discussing complexity and needs. Sunset remain priority, Chief of FS visiting today. Devil Mountain transitioning to CIMT. Knowles will remain T3 complexity. Ongoing discussions for PL3.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest) – Beale Monday

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: Continuing to see uptick in activity from Boston to Maine, potential severity requests over the next few days.
- Southwest: Washington will TOC to local unit tomorrow. Dragon Bravo TOC CA Team today.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Flat has T3 in unified command with OESM.
- Rocky Mountain: Derby spots halted firing operations. Stoner Mesa hoping to transition to lower complexity next week. Chinook precautionary emergency landing yesterday.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Set daily temperature record in Redding yesterday, expecting hot and dry weather to continue. Monitoring all-hazard team. Coyote looks better on the ground than containment suggests.
- SOPs: Crow saw great interagency response.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Nearing drawdown, especially with crews.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

Aviation

BIA Air Attack 5 FS traveling to Ronan, MT, available tomorrow.

One Lead Plane reached 6/36, day off today back on tomorrow.

RM will start releasing helicopters this weekend.

Laramie, WY smokejumper base closed yesterday, will staff from Missoula.

T1 CWN will move from Red Canyon to Cottonwood Peak.

36 active TFRs, 4 temporary towers.

Another airspace intrusion occurred yesterday on Buckley Draw shutting down air operations. 6 total on the incident.

Crews

Distribution remains very good.

20 crews available in anticipation of weather event in CA and NW.

CIMTs

18 CIMTs committed.

4 teams available on this week's national rotation.

Windy Rock/Devil Mountain CIMT request filled from national rotation.

Sandbar 2 CIMT request filled from national rotation.

Monroe Canyon filled CIMT replacement internally.

National Rotation 8/21-8/27: CA, AK, CA

DoD

One tail swap, MAFFS 4 changed to MAFFS 6.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 IA ready in CO, LWD 8/23.

Surge #4 prepositioned in Lander, WY. LWD 8/25

Surge #5 from AK traveling 8/24.

Surge #6 arrived in SOPS yesterday, ready for IA for INYO NF.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC remains at PL5.

491 active fires, burned over 19 million acres.

NMAC Safety – Persephone Whelan

Mack McFarland will cover next week.



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Administration

PL – 4 (4.82)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

MAFFS

Anticipating wetting rain in the current MAFFS locations.

Recommend moving SW tail to SOPS-Channel Islands and RM tail to GB-Boise on 8/24. -Support

NMAC reevaluated on 8/23/25, SW tail will relocate on 8/27

NMAC Ops will discuss movement with all bases.

Crews

Good crew distribution between active GAs.

Maintaining crew availability in CA and NW with anticipated lightning forecast.

Large fire crew movement will occur early next week based on the weather.

Teams

NR Team on Lee incident will transition with FDNY T3 IMT on 8/25.

Recommend releasing NR for R&R and reset. NMAC reserves the right to redirect for any immediate needs. -

Support

