

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 25, 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 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: Beale Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Greg Smith	<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: Brad Sawyer, Kevin Conn, Jesse Bender, Russ Babiak, Gordon Sachs, Maegan Maughan, Nic Strohmeier, Joe Rogan, Paul Gellerstedt, Scott Mayer, Mark Williams, Maj Brian West, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Robert Dukart, Mike Henry, Jan Johnson, Shaun Jensen, Mack McFarland, John Mckee, Ben Oakleaf, Ryan Sundberg, Ryan Sharpe, Sara Sink, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Carissa Chadwick, Mike Rubenstein

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 26 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, heavy IA, 823 new starts since Friday, 50 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 403 crews, 1,031 engines, 105 helicopters, 19,464 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, heavy IA, 138 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, dozens of unstaffed fires.

Pickett – Cal Fire Team 4, active behavior, timber and light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 6,800 acres, 13% contained.

R-3 – Active behavior, light fuels, structures and habitat threatened, received precipitation, 500 acres, 50% contained.

Coyote – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 624 acres, 46% contained.

Northwest: PL3, heavy IA, 67 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Flat – ODF Team 3, extreme behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 22,000 acres, 5% contained.

Bear Gulch – CA Team 7, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,700 acres, 13% contained.

Emigrant – CIMT mobilizing, active behavior, timber, 150 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, heavy IA, 202 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Garnet – CA Team 10 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 3,300 acres, 0% contained.

Little – CA Team 6, evaluating needs, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, mudslides, communities threatened, evacuations, 2,550 acres, 0% contained.

Gifford – CA Team 8, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 131,614 acres, 95% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, moderate IA, 58 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Sunset – IDL, NR Team 5, moderate behavior, brush and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 3,200 acres, 32% contained.

Windy Rock – MT DNR, NW Team 2, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,370 acres, 0% contained.

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

Cloudrest – Active behavior, timber, infrastructure threatened, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

West Fork – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 750 acres, 30% contained.

Knowles – MT DNR, active behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,600 acres, 6% contained.

Mile Marker 91 – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 308 acres, 30% contained.

Sandbar 2 – NW Team 8, minimal behavior, timber litter and slash, 243 acres, 17% contained.

Ransome – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 450 acres, 0% contained.

East – Extreme behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 0% completed.

Island Creek – Active behavior, slash and timber, structures threatened, 10,700 acres, 5% completed.

Great Basin: PL4, heavy IA, 100 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Dollar Lake – Extreme behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 12,000 acres, 0% contained.



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Willow Creek – Active behavior, timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 3,900 acres, 0% contained.

Rock – GB Team 6, active behavior, limited perimeter growth, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,800 acres, 25% contained.

Cottonwood Peak – EA Team 1, received precipitation, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, habitat threatened, 132,446 acres, 40% contained.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, minimal behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, received precipitation, 73,700 acres, 90% contained.

Widemouth – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, residences threatened, 500 acres, 8% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 37 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Mile Marker 39 – Moderate behavior, grass, 48,000 acres, 85% contained.

Five Points – 2,700 acres, 100% completed.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 90 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Derby – NR Team 3, managing Turner Gulch, moderate behavior, light fuels and timber, received precipitation, structures threatened, evacuations, 5,300 acres, 0% contained.

Turner Gulch – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, received precipitation, 31,699 acres, 96% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, received precipitation, 10,233 acres, 42% contained.

Crosho – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, 2,000 acres, 91% contained.

Lee – NR Team 1 TOC FDNY Team 3 today, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 137,758 acres, 90% contained.

Red Canyon – RM Team 2 TOC local unit Wednesday, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, habitat threatened, 124,700 acres, 75% contained.

Southwest: PL3, 29 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dragon Bravo – CA Team 9, minimal behavior, brush, 145,500 acres, 61% contained.

Billy – Moderate behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, 27,522 acres, 56% contained.

Washington – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 515 acres, 97% contained.

Packstring – Minimal behavior, light slash and timber, 129 acres, 40% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

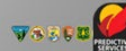
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Wednesday)

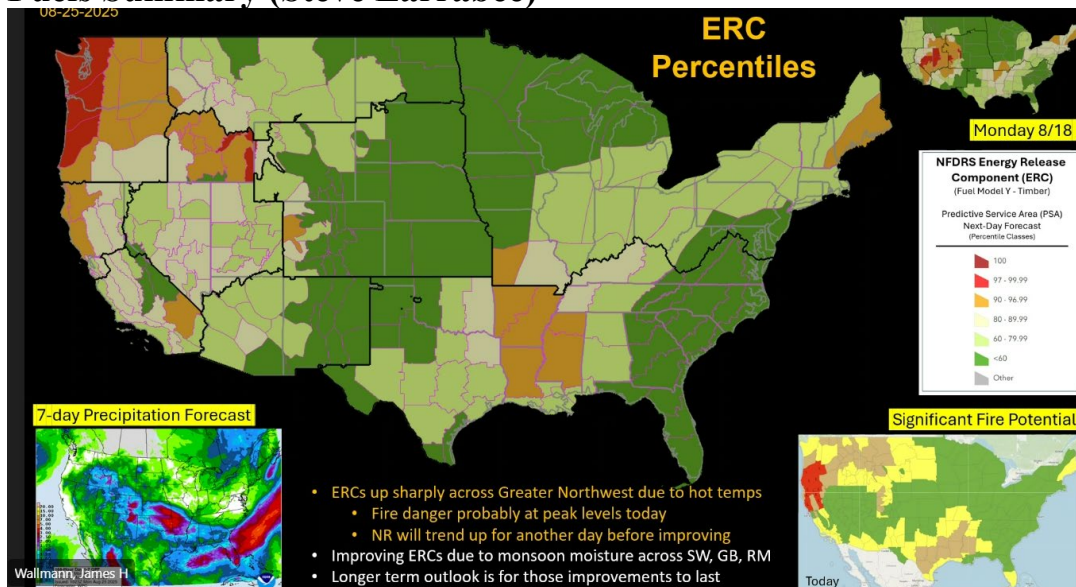
- Continued hot, dry, and unstable for Washington and the northern Rockies through Tuesday with isolated dry thunderstorms possible but winds will be light away from any thunderstorms
- Deep monsoon moisture continues for Oregon, southern Idaho, and Wyoming southward with mainly scattered wet thunderstorms, with the most widespread rain Tuesday into Wednesday for Utah, southern Idaho, western Wyoming, and the West Slope
- Abundant cloud cover may keep wetting rain less for Oregon, with wetting rain also more scattered for California
- Scattered thunderstorms for New England today, but wetting rain near the coast will be isolated followed by dry and locally breezy northwest winds

Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- The monsoon wanes with drying conditions across the West late this week with temperatures likely returning to above normal
- Significant uncertainty across the Intermountain West this weekend into next week with thunderstorm potential, but the Southwest is likely to see a modest monsoon return
- Another round of rain is likely for Florida, with rain likely returning to Texas lowering potential
- Westerly flow will bring continued dry conditions from the Great Lakes to the Northeast, with a possible increase in rainfall next week for the New England coast depending on how the pattern evolves



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	4
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		13	
SEAT	105	0	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	50	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	18	14	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	78	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	126	1	
CREW TYPE 2	208	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	176	102	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	12		
RAPPELERS		82	
CATERERS	20	9	
SHOWERS	33	18	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	26, 10 VLAT
HELO	6
AIR ATTACK	
IR	18 (weather)
UAS	1
SCOOPER	8
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	5 IHCs, 5 T2 IA
ENGINES	50
OVERHEAD	136 (SEC, SMKJ, SOF, TFLD)
PENDING	135 overhead, 26 engines, 9 IHCs, 11 T2 IA crews, 4 T2 crews, 9 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Looking to order T3 IMTs for replacements.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

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

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Discussing rearranging CIMT assignments. Sunset expected to transition to T3 next week. Windy Rock considering transitioning to CIMT.

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

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: Concerns with uptick in activity in IA.
- Southwest: IA continues across the South Rim.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: CA heavily engaged in IA. Oregon importing resources for Flat and IA. ODF concerns with Emigrant incident, may impact ODF protections.
- Rocky Mountain: Concern with Dollar Lake incident activity.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Heavy IA over the weekend, many unstaffed fires. Concern with incoming weather and resource drawdown. High level lightning strike event predicted today.
- SOPs: Little incident received precipitation, discussing staffing levels.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Moving resources internally to Emigrant. Concerned with upcoming lighting event.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

Working on prioritizing rotor wing spread based on activity.
Smokejumpers jumping IA fires, no staffing concerns.
39 active TFRs, 1,000 TFRs year-to-date.

DoD

Released 2 hoist capable Navy helicopters.
MAFFS 5 and 8 moving from CO Springs to Boise today.

Crews

Significant IA in GAs with preposition crews.
Lots of internal crew shuffling.

Teams

National Rotation: CA, AK, CA
Bear Gulch approved 2-day extension.
Stoner Mesa requesting 1-day extension.

National Surge Package

Surge #3 resources demobilizing home.
RIST finance support was extremely beneficial.
Surge #4 mobilized to Dollar Lake, LWD 8/25.
Surge #5 will mobilize to NR.
Surge #6 in SOPS, LWD 8/26.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NIIC-D remains busy with repeater and frequency requests.
Several Comm Coordinators out in field.
Congressional staffer tour tomorrow.

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC remains at PL5.
300 international firefighters in country.

NMAC Safety – Mack McFarland

0 FAST teams committed.
3 significant injuries reported.
Fireline fatality report in progress.

Administration

PL – 4 (4.82)

GACC Priority: NR, NW, NOPS, SOPS, (2, 3, 4 slots TBD by IA) GB, RM



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Admin Topics

Smokejumpers

System has been responsive moving smokejumper loads to various bases based on expected weather. IA requests will be honored over boosts.

Aviation

SW has 8 T1 helicopters, 2 have flown very little in the last week. Propose moving 2 T1 helicopters out of SW. -Support

National Surge Package

Surge #5 recommended for NR.

Engines will be picked up from the barge in Seattle 8/27.

SMOD traveling to Missoula.

Revisit 8/26.

Crews

AK state T2IA crew extensions and R&R decisions can be handled by the Crew Coordinator.

Short term end of season extension days can be handled by the Crew Coordinator. -Support

Teams

Little incident with CIMT on order considering maintaining T3 org staffing.

If Little is kept at T3, CA would like to preposition the CIMT CA Team 6 for emerging incidents or national rotation orders. -Support

Derby/Turner Gulch requesting replacement CIMT DTN 8/28. RM filling internally. -Support

Stoner Mesa will submit a 1-day CIMT request to cover transition to T3. -Support

Dragon Bravo will submit request for a team extension. Revisit 8/26.

GA state has a T3 IMT available.

DoD

Hoist capable helicopters located in Redding, San Bernadino and Bakersfield.

