

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 27, 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: Jeff Walther	<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: Josh Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Sean Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crews: Jeremy Sullens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers: Hans Ohme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airspace: Tanner Aunan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Jessica Gardetto	<input type="checkbox"/> Rappel: Adam Kahler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IR: Rachael Hansen
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Additional Attendees: Kevin Conn, Shane Santos, Russ Babiak, Jesse Bender, Mike Rubenstein, Mark Williams, Nic Strohmeier, Maj Brian West, Col Little, Gordon Sachs, Paul Gellerstedt, Scott Mayer, Kim Albracht, Beau Dobberstein, Ben Gannon, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Sairy Neal, Ben Oakleaf, Jason Bruce, Rick Stratton, Mack McFarland, Ryan Sharpe, Penny States, Bryan Stamps, Casey Teske

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 28 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, moderate IA, 280 new starts, 45 uncontained large fires, 20 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 6 Medevac Army helicopters, 384 crews, 943 engines, 122 helicopters, 19,045 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL4, heavy IA, 100 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Log – 100 acres.

Garden – 20 acres.

LNF Lightning Complex – All fires look good but 1 active, completing bucket work.

Pickett – Cal Fire Team 4, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, residences threatened, 6,800 acres, 25% contained.

Dillon – CA Team 1 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 1,200 acres, 0% contained.

Peak – CA Team 2 mobilizing, active behavior, timber and brush, 300 acres, 0% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 20 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Emigrant – NW Team 13, extreme behavior, timber and brush, 10,000 acres, 0% contained.

Flat – ODF Team 3, moderate behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 23,260 acres, 7% contained.

Bear Gulch – CA Team 7 TOC local unit tomorrow, moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 9,050 acres, 13% contained.

South Ops: PL3, moderate IA, 41 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Garnet – CA Team 10, active behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 9,200 acres, 0% contained.

Little – CA Team 6, minimal behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,500 acres, 41% contained.

Gifford – CA Team 8, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 131,600 acres, 95% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, light IA, 3 new starts, received precipitation, 12 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Sunset – NR Team 5, moderate behavior, brush and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 3,200 acres, 52% contained.

Windy Rock – NW Team 2, managing Devil Mountain, active behavior, grass and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,400 acres, 0% contained.

Devil Mountain – Active behavior, active behavior, grass and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 1,600 acres, 0% contained.

Bivens Creek – NR Team 6, managing Cloudrest, moderate behavior, no perimeter growth, timber, structures threatened, 2,200 acres, 34% contained.

Cloudrest – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,600 acres, 12% contained.

West Fork – Active behavior, light rain this morning, timber and brush, residences threatened, 853 acres, 40% contained.

Corral Creek – Moderate behavior, timber, 368 acres, 15% contained.

Knowles – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,790 acres, 21% contained.

Ransome – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 487 acres, 0% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, light IA, 3 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.



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Rock – GB Team 6, moderate behavior, no perimeter growth, received precipitation, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,700 acres, 42% contained.

Dollar Lake – Active behavior, received precipitation, timber, 13,500 acres, 0% contained.

Willow Creek – Active behavior, received precipitation, timber, residences threatened, 4,300 acres, 12% contained.

Cottonwood Peak – EA Team 1, minimal behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, habitat threatened, 132,600 acres, 55% contained.

Widemouth – Minimal behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 690 acres, 25% contained.

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

Southern Area: PL1

Mile Marker 39 – 48,000 acres, 100% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL3, 6 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Derby – NR Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 5,300 acres, 2% contained.

Stoner Mesa – RM Team 1 TOC local unit today, received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 10,200 acres, 42% contained.

Lee – Minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 137,700 acres, 90% contained.

Red Canyon – RM Team 2 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, habitat threatened, 124,700 acres, 80% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dragon Bravo – CA Team 9, minimal behavior, brush, received precipitation, 145,500 acres, 64% contained.

Billy – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, 27,500 acres, 56% contained.

Fishhook – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, 540 acres, 0% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

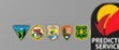
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Deep monsoon moisture moves north with the most widespread rain into Thursday for central Idaho, southwest Montana, and western Wyoming bringing season-slowing conditions
- A drying trend begins afterward with few thunderstorms expected in California and the Southwest Thursday, while isolated wet thunderstorms will continue in the Great Basin and Rockies
- Continued dry for the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic through Thursday, followed by areas of wetting rain for the Northeast but the Mid-Atlantic will remain dry
- Relief for Oklahoma into the Lower Mississippi Valley due to abundant rainfall, but Texas will see more limited relief, while an increase in thunderstorms is expected across Florida

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Confidence is higher this morning with moderate upper-level ridging across the West and above normal temperatures, with temperatures up to 20°F above normal for northern California and the Northwest
- The monsoon continues in southeast Arizona and New Mexico, possibly spreading into southern/central Arizona and near/east of the Divide in Colorado
- A chance of mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the Great Basin mid-next week, but this is the greatest area of uncertainty
- Very dry conditions are expected for most of the West with low RH and areas of poor overnight recovery, but significant fire potential will remain low for most areas due to this weeks rain, with the highest potential in northern California and the Northwest
- A drier than normal pattern is likely to continue for much of the northern two-thirds of the eastern US next week, continuing the trend of the past 2-3 weeks



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Substantial improvement across most of Intermountain West, plus modest improvement in Maine.

Risk Fire Analytics (Rick Stratton)

Expect increase in fire activity in NOPS.

Decrease in fire activity will likely be seen in GB.

Fireline Effectiveness report analyzed 51 fires with fireline perimeters showing what held.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	3
VLAT		4	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		32	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	104	1	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	50	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	20	11	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	69	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	121	3	
CREW TYPE 2	218	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	173	106	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	12	6	
RAPPELERS		92	
CATERERS	22	3	
SHOWERS	31	18	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	26
TANKER	3
HELO	9
AIR ATTACK	
IR	11
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	4 IHCs, 4 T2IA
ENGINES	21
OVERHEAD	109 (HEQB, TFLD, SOF, SEC)
PENDING	150 overhead, 27 engines, 33 crews, 15 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Minimal IA, single engine scoopers available.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

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

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Windy Rock has FMAG assigned. Ransome close to town of Libby. Senator Sheehy visited Bivens Creek yesterday. Sunset is ramping down. Expect additional IA with thunderstorms in northwest portion of the GA.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest) – Jeff Walther

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: Decreasing to PL2 tomorrow morning, will begin exporting resources as able.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Exporting resources from states that have received rainfall.
- Rocky Mountain: Received heavy precipitation.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: 150 new starts in CA. Concern with emerging fires in rugged terrain.
- SOPs:

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Expect continued IA, 5,000 acres of growth on large fires, received widespread moisture. Emigrant setting up ICP and remote areas. Flat completing more accurate mapping, no growth occurring. No concerns with Bear Gulch. Drawdown on crews.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Maegan Maughan

Aviation

No anticipated rotor wing availability.
Heavy movement for smokejumpers on IA.
Working to relocate rappel ships to IA-heavy locations.
20 UMODs out, T1 CWN available for reassignment.
37 active TFRs. 1,019 YTD.

Crews

Distribution remains good for T1/T2IA.
Availability is quickly reallocated with IA.

Teams

National Rotation 8/21-8/27: CA, AK, CA
National Rotation 8/28-9/3: CA, NW, NR, CA, SA, AK
Expecting CIMT order for Island Creek.

DoD

MAFFS 5 and 8 moving to Klamath Falls.
MAFFS 3 and 6 moving to SOPS.
2 Army Medevac moving from San Bernadino to Fresno.

National Surge Package

Surge #5 picking up their engines in Seattle today.
Surge #6 IA on Aberdeen incident.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC decreased to PL4.

NMAC Safety – Mack McFarland

Environmental Hazards, decontamination of PPE came out in July.
Facilities looking to upgrade or establish washing facilities.
Exposure letter could be available for teams to help employees document occurrences.
Lessons learned coming out of NR incident fatality.
Best practices for mitigating fatigue through sleeping area selection discussion requested.

Administration

PL – 4

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



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Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

Tracker trending down showing 3.5

Remain at PL4.

Revisit 8/28.

National Surge Package

Surge #5 picking up engines today.

Decreasing potential in NR, increasing in NOPS and SOPS.

Recommend allocating surge #5 to the NW. – Support

Josh S will check in with NW.

Consider creating additional surge packages through the fall if the SA becomes active.

Teams

Rock requesting 2-day CIMT extension, LWD 8/31. – Support

Island Creek expecting CIMT order. Requesting internal fill in NR. – NMAC supported post meeting via text.

CIMT AAR

October 29-30

Offsite location TBD.

