

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 28, 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:
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<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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Additional Attendees: Kevin Conn, Gordon Sachs, Russ Long, Brad Sawyer, Shane Santos, Jesse Bender, Russ Babiak, Mark Williams, Paul Gellerstedt, Maj Brian West, Kim Albracht, Col Jason Little, Mike Henry, Jan Johnson, John Mckee, Beau Dobberstein, Sairy Neal, Ben Oakleaf, Bryan Stamps, Penny States, Jada Altman, Perry Breitenstein, Nate Hesse, Megan Heffentrager, Mack McFarland, Stu Rodeffer

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 29 August 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, moderate IA, 247 new starts, 42 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 6 Medevac Army helicopters, 382 crews, 925 engines, 108 helicopters, 18,500 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL4, 130 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs, many additional fires 15-60 acres.

Dillon – CA Team 1, extreme behavior, spot on Klamath River doubled, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Peak – CA Team 2, moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 290 acres, 0% contained.

Pickett – Cal Fire Team 4, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, 6,800 acres, 33% contained.

Northwest: PL3, moderate IA, 42 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Emigrant – NW Team 13, active behavior, timber, 7,700 acres, 0% contained.

Flat – ODF Team 3, moderate behavior, received precipitation, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 23,300 acres, 7% contained.

Bear Gulch – CA Team 7 TOC local unit today, moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, 8,900 acres, 13% contained.

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

Garnet – CA Team 10, active behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 14,000 acres, 0% contained.

Little – CA Team 6, minimal behavior, grass and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,530 acres, 29% contained.

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

Northern Rockies: PL3, 3 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs, widespread precipitation.

Sunset – IDL, NR Team 5 TOC local unit this weekend, moderate behavior, grass and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 3,200 acres, 66% contained.

Ransome – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 568 acres, 0% contained.

Windy Rock – MT DNR, NW Team 2, managing Devil Mountain, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,300 acres, 0% contained.

Devil Mountain – Active behavior, grass and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 1,650 acres, 0% contained.

Bivens Creek – NR Team 6, managing Cloudrest, minimal behavior, received precipitation, timber, structures threatened, 2,233 acres, 34% contained.

Corral Creek – Minimal behavior, received precipitation, timber, infrastructure threatened, 364 acres, 31% contained.

West Fork – Moderate behavior, received precipitation, timber and brush, residences threatened, 853 acres, 40% contained.

Knowles – MT DNR, moderate behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,822 acres, 26% contained.

Sandbar 2 – NW Team 8 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber 243 acres, 75% contained.

Island Creek – NR Team 2, active behavior, slash and timber, structures threatened, 11,591 acres, 5% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 13 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.



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Dollar Lake – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, habitat threatened, 13,449 acres, 0% contained.

Rock – GB Team 6, minimal behavior, light precipitation, timber and brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,792 acres, 42% contained.

Cottonwood Peak – EA Team 1, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, habitat threatened, received precipitation, 132,604 acres, 60% contained.

Widemouth – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 683 acres, 56% contained.

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

Buckley Draw – Minimal behavior, light fuels, received precipitation, 452 acres, 42% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 16 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Centro – Moderate behavior, grass, 929 acres, 65% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 13 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Derby – NR Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, received precipitation, 5,700 acres, 4% contained.

Stoner Mesa – Minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, received precipitation, 10,200 acres, 43% contained.

Lee – Minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, received precipitation, 137,758 acres, 90% contained.

Red Canyon – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 124,700 acres, 80% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 3 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dragon Bravo – CA Team 9, minimal behavior, brush, 145,504 acres, 64% contained.

Billy – Minimal behavior, brush, structures threatened, 27,574 acres, 60% contained.

Packstring – 129 acres, 100% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Saturday)

- Moisture will be focused across northern Idaho and southwest Montana today with season-slaking conditions and light to moderate rainfall continuing, with rain lighter and more scattered to the west in Washington
- A drying trend will slowly push eastward into Saturday, with isolated wet thunderstorms confined to areas east of the Divide by Saturday
- RH will be slow to lower in the Great Basin, but single digit to teens RH is likely by Saturday for the Inland Northwest and California
- 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
- Scattered showers and thunderstorms for the Northeast today/tomorrow, but the Mid-Atlantic will remain dry

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- A moderate strength upper-level ridge will build across the West for above normal temperatures and lower RHs. 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 southern Great Basin and southern California mid-next week, possibly moving into northern California.
- 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 week's 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, although some wetting rain is possible for portions of the area late next week



Fuels Summary (Mark Williams)

Precipitation received through most GAs.

Weather event appears to be season slowing rather than season-ending.

Long-term drying continues in NW, NOPS, and SOPS.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	4
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		39	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	96	9	
HELO TYPE1	81	0	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	50	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	18	12	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	68	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	116	1	
CREW TYPE 2	215	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	162	90	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	12	6	
RAPPELERS		84	
CATERERS	21	6	
SHOWERS	33	20	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	11
TANKER	
HELO	1
AIR ATTACK	
IR	10 (weather)
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	10, 7
ENGINES	8
OVERHEAD	148 (SEC, TFLD, SOF, SMKJ boost)
PENDING	86 overhead, 27 engines, 21 IHCs, 9TIA, 14 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Rock and Cottonwood Peak both transitioning to local units.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

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

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Transporting firefighter per family direction. Ransome was the only incident that did not receive precipitation. Meeting all resource needs internally.

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

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: Looking good.
- Southwest: Activity looking good.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NTR
- Rocky Mountain: Evaluating conditions on large fires and resource needs when able to re-engage.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Increase in IA, MAC Group is meeting.
- SOPs: CA Team 6 plan on release from Little on 8/30. MAC Group met yesterday to engage.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Moderate IA, underreported starts, received precipitation. Butte was 4,900 acres in grass. Concern with chasing IA, will send smokejumpers and rappellers. UTF'd aircraft order yesterday, will honor IA orders but not preposition orders due to need. Surge package will be inbriefed today in Spokane.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Jeremy Sullens

Aviation

Moving rappel ships to NOPS and NW.
37 TFRs, working to reduce.

Crews

Heavy response to IA.
Moving available crews to NW and NOPS.

Teams

National Rotation 8/28-9/3: CA, NW, NR, GB, NW, SW

DoD

All MAFFS moved and ready for operations.
TF Medivac had first mission yesterday, successful.

National Surge Package

Surge #6 operating on Aberdeen in SOPS.
Surge #5 will be operational in full, by noon tomorrow.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

PL4

Over 20 million acres burned.

NMAC Safety – Mack McFarland

2 injuries yesterday, utilizing Army hoist helicopters.
Utilize strong anchor points.

Administration

PL – 4

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



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Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

Heavy resource commitment in CA and NW.

Decrease in ERCs and fire activity in all other GAs.

Expecting reduction to 10 CIMTs committed by 9/1.

Revisit 8/29.

Crews

GAs with heavy IA are feeling good with current crew distribution.

2 T2IAs allocated to NOPS today.

Military Use Handbook

Comments and feedback have been submitted to the working group.

Centering handbook around NWCG standards rather than any agency-specific guidance.

Recommend allowing working group to make minor edits and post the handbook. -Support

Consider holding a small working group together to continue edits for the next year.

