

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

August 29, 2025

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Shelby Law /Mark Williams	Information
Resource Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	Information

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chair: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator: Jada Altman
<input type="checkbox"/> FWS/AK/SA: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS/EA/SW: Russ Long	<input checked="" 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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Additional Attendees: Jeff Walther, Shane Santos, Kevin Conn, Jesse Bender, Scott Mayer, Paul Gellerstedt, Shelby Law, Mark Williams, Maj Brian West, Col TJ Gagnon, Jason Bruce, Darren Donley, Justin Gilman, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Jan Johnson, Shaun Jensen, Ben Oakleaf, Cameron Tongier, Sairy Neal, Kim Albracht, Andrew Bailey, Beau Dobberstein, Mack McFarland, Bryan Stamps, Casey Teske

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 1 September 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 153 new starts, 43 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 6 Medevac helicopters, 377 crews, 858 engines, 95 helicopters, 18,285 personnel assigned.

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

Blue – 135 acres.

Dillon – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 3,300 acres, 0% contained.

Peak – CA Team 2, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 305 acres, 0% contained.

Pickett – Cal Fire Team 4, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 6,800 acres, 41% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 24 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Juniper Canyon – Active behavior, light fuels, 5,000 acres.

Emigrant – NW Team 13, active behavior, timber, 16,235 acres, 0% contained.

Flat – ODF Team 3, no perimeter growth, moderate behavior, light fuels, 23,380 acres, 13% contained.

Butte – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 4,900 acres, 0% contained.

Martin – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 100 acres, 0% completed.

South Ops: PL3, 38 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Garnet – CA Team 10, moderate behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 16,000 acres, 0% contained.

Little – CA Team 6 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 2,500 acres, 61% contained.

Gifford – CA Team 8, minimal behavior, light fuels, infrastructure threatened, 131,600 acres, 97% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 2 new starts, 13 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Sunset- IDL, NR Team 5 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, 3,200 acres, 75% contained.

Windy Rock – NW Team 2, moderate behavior, received precipitation, grass and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,275 acres, 0% contained.

Devil Mountain – Moderate behavior, received precipitation, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 1,650 acres, 0% contained.

Bivens Creek - NR Team 6 TOC NW Team 8 tomorrow, managing Cloudrest, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,233 acres, 53% contained,

Coudrest – Minimal behavior, received precipitation, timber, structures threatened, 3,400 acres, 20% contained.

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

Ransome – Active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 500 acres, 0% contained.

Corral Creek – Minimal behavior, timber, infrastructure threatened, received precipitation, 356 acres, 84% contained.

Knowles – Minimal behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,800 acres, 47% contained.

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

Walk – Minimal behavior, timber, 300 acres, 0% contained, unstaffed.

Lonely Mountain – Moderate behavior, timber, 600 acres, 0% completed, 1 person assigned.



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Great Basin: PL3, 9 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Dollar Lake – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, habitat threatened, 13,449 acres, 10% contained.

Willow Creek – Moderate behavior, timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, received precipitation, 4,300 acres, 23% contained.

Cottonwood Peak – EA Team 1, received precipitation, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, habitat threatened, 132,600 acres, 70% contained.

Widemouth – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 683 acres, 66% contained.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures and infrastructure threatened, 73,700 acres, 95% contained.

Buckley Draw – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 452 acres, 71% contained.

Rock – GB Team 6, minimal behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,700 acres, 50% contained.

Box – 4,400 acres, 100% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 4 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Centro – Minimal behavior, grass, 929 acres, 90% contained.

Midnight – TX state, moderate behavior, light fuels, 340 acres, 90% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

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

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

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

Dragon Bravo – CA Team 9, minimal behavior, brush and timber, 145,500 acres, 75% contained.

Billy – Minimal behavior, structures threatened, 27,574 acres, 69% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Shelby Law)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Sunday)

- Isolated to scattered showers are possible again today over the Northern Rockies, Utah and into Colorado with cooler temperature and elevated RHs
- A drying trend along the western states will slowly push eastward into Sunday, with isolated wet thunderstorms confined to areas east of the Divide by Saturday
- Rapidly warming temperatures are moving into the Inland Northwest and northern Idaho through the weekend with highs in the upper 90s.
- 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, but the Mid-Atlantic will remain dry

Long-term (Monday 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 for midweek.
- A chance of mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the southern Great Basin and southern California beginning on Tuesday, 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
- The northeast US will be generally dry for the first half of next week before a strong trough of low pressure moves through bringing scattered showers to the area.



Fuels Summary (Mark Williams)

Willamette FDRA will stay in the 97th to near record high ERC percentages for the next 7 days.

The far northwest of the NW are currently seeing record high ERCs that should decrease but will then stay above the 90th percentile.

N Idaho panhandle will see a slight decrease in ERCs.

Central ID will see a large ERC drop.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		29	3
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		6	
AIR ATTACK		31	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	100	5	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	50	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	17	10	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	65	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	120	0	
CREW TYPE 2	205	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	161	74	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	12	6	
RAPPELERS		67	
CATERERS	21	6	
SHOWERS	32	19	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	7
TANKER	
HELO	3
AIR ATTACK	
IR	4
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	21
ENGINES	11
OVERHEAD	84 (TFLD, HEQB)
PENDING	118 overhead, 16 engines, 1 IHC, 6 T2IA, 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: NTR

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

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

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: POC for the weekend will be Corey Calnan T3 IMT available for reassignment.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Working on RFA extension for the Title 10 helicopters.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: NTR

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NTR
- Rocky Mountain: NTR

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Expecting heavy winds and additional holdover lightning fires. Dillon incident CIMT will manage Blue.
- SOPs: Picking up lightning fires, no concerns.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: PL3, light IA outside Juniper Canyon. Scattered lightning, expecting holdover fires through the weekend. Bear Gulch increased in acreage, no concerns. Martin managed under Pomas T3 IMT. Emigrant expected to be long-duration fire. Surge #5 put on IA yesterday, waiting for rest of the engines to arrive today. Lightning fires in timber, placing additional crew requests.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Jeremy Sullens

Aviation

Continued realignment for rotor wings.
Continued reduction of RFAs to 33.

Crews

Splitting crews between NOPS and NW.
9 IHCs will time out in the next couple of weeks.

Teams

Expected to have 10 CIMTs committed by 9/1.
5 CIMTs available for this week's national rotation: CA, NW, GB, NW, SW
Dragon Bravo CIMT replacement request.

DoD

MAFFS operating at 2 bases in NW and SOPS.
Medevac operating at 3 bases.

National Surge Package

Surge #6 remains committed to Aberdeen in SOPS.
Surge #5 ICT3s and Zuni moved to Mohr Canyon today, meeting engines for operation mid-day.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL4, anticipating PL3 next week.
Atlantic provinces at PL4, all other provinces at PL3 or lower.

NMAC Safety – Mack McFarland

Working on Lessons Learned for fireline fatality.
Smokejumpers resetting after several injuries.

Administration

PL – 4

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NOPS, NW, NR, SOPS, GB, RM



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Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

No GACCs at PL5, good CIMT availability.

Forecast suggests NOPS and NW will sustain/worsen though many GAs are coming down.

Recommend decreasing to PL3 at 0730 on 8/30. -Support

Memo will be rescinded on website.

MAFFS

MAFFS have not flown the last 2 days.

Monitor aircraft utilization over the weekend.

Revisit need for MAFFS on 9/1. -Support

Teams

Dragon Bravo CIMT replacement request. Recommend approving SW request for internal mobilization. -

Support

