

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 1, 2025

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Jada Altman	Information
Predictive Services Update	Shelby Law /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Kat Sorenson	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Jada Altman	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: 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: Jada Altman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
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Additional Attendees: Jesse Bender, Shane Santos, Kevin Conn, Kim Albracht, Justin Gilman, Bryan Stamps, Jan Johnson, Shaun Jensen, Ben Oakleaf, John Mckee, Neal Sairy, Perry Breitenstein, Col TJ Gagnon, Maj Brian West, Maegan Maughan, Scott Mayer

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 3 September 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Jada Altman)

PL3, light IA, 45 uncontained large fires, 14 CIMTs, 4 MAFFS, 312 crews, 682 engines, 105 helicopters, 15,914 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL4, 18 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Dillon – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 5,800 acres, 7% contained.

Blue – Active behavior, chaparral and timber, structures threatened, 1,049 acres, 0% contained.

Peak – CA Team 2, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 394 acres, 5% contained.

Pickett – Minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, 6,800 acres, 79% contained.

R-14 Buffalo – Moderate behavior, light fuels, structures and habitat threatened, 1,276 acres, 20% contained.

Log – Active behavior, timber and brush, 200 acres, 0% contained.

Northwest: PL3, light IA, 10 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Dads Creek – WA State, mobilizing MAFFS, 100-300 acres.

Tacoma Creek – 50 acres.

Crown Creek – NW Team 12 mobilizing, managing several other incidents, WA DNR, extreme behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 1,400 acres, 0% contained.

Blackhawk Mountain – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 229 acres, 229 acres, 0% contained.

Katy Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Wildcat – NW Team 10 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber, structure threatened, 1,170 acres, 0% contained.

Bear Gulch – Moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 9,300 acres, 10% contained.

Flat – ODF Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 23,346 acres, 52% contained.

Perry – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 600 acres, 0% contained.

Juniper Canyon – ODF, minimal behavior, light fuels, 7,585 acres, 75% contained.

South Ops: PL3, 19 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Garnet - CA Team 10, active behavior, light fuels and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 18,748 acres, 12% contained.

Little – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 2,500 acres, 93% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, light IA, 12 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Windy Rock – NW Team 2, managing Devil Mountain, moderate behavior, grass and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Devil Mountain – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 1,770 acres, 2% contained.

Bivens Creek – NW Team 8, managing Cloudrest, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,100 acres, 76% contained.

Ransome – Active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 610 acres, 15% contained.

Island Creek – NR Team 2, managing East and Mire, minimal behavior, brush, structures threatened, 13,891 acres, 5% contained.

Great Basin: PL3, 4 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Dollar Lake – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, habitat threatened, evacuations, 15,236 acres, 22% contained.



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Willow Creek – Active behavior, timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, 4,000 acres, 38% contained.
Rock – Moderate behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 2,796 acres, 74% contained.
Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, minimal behavior, brush, structures and infrastructure threatened, 73,721 acres, 95% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 3 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Derby – RM Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, received precipitation, 5,700 acres, 6% contained.

Stoner Mesa – Minimal behavior, timber, 10,249 acres, 45% contained.

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

Dragon Bravo – CA Team 9, minimal behavior, brush and timber, 145,504 acres, 80% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Shelby Law)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Wednesday)

- Very hot and dry conditions have developed across the Inland Northwest and northern Idaho for near record temperatures over the next few days.
- The overall fire environment remains conducive to large fire growth over northern California and the Northwest with widespread warm and dry weather although general winds remain light as the ridge builds into British Columbia
- Isolated mixed wet dry thunderstorms return to northern California, the Sierra Front, and southern Oregon on Tuesday/Wednesday as a weak low moves north up the west coast likely resulting in new IA and large fires.
- A cold front moving through the Upper Mississippi Valley on Tuesday and Wednesday will bring widespread light showers to the Great Lakes and the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys.

Long-term (Thursday through next Monday)

- Deeper tropical moisture is drawn northward as another low moves into the northern California Coast for another round of mixed wet/dry storms over mainly Arizona, Nevada and Oregon on Friday.
- This moisture moves further north into the Northwest and northern Great Basin on Saturday for a decent chance of light showers with the storms, potentially bringing some relief to ongoing fires in Oregon and Washington.
- Northwest California remains dry through the week, but another low looks to move into the area early next which may finally bring some precipitation to the area, although confidence is low at this time.
- The cold front moving through the eastern US will bring precipitation to portions of New England, although Maine will stay dry. The southern states stay generally dry through the week with precipitation returning for the weekend.



Fuels Summary (Mark Williams)

Several Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories still in effect.

Wide range of ERCs.

Continued hot and dry with high fire danger potential in NW and NOPS.



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Resource Update (Kat Sorenson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		24	4
VLAT			
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		22	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	100	5	
HELO TYPE1	94	0	
HELO TYPE2	44	0	
HELO TYPE3	59	5	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	12	10	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	71	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	120	0	
CREW TYPE 2	190	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	122	118	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	10	7	
RAPPELERS		87	
CATERERS	20	6	
SHOWERS	31	25	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	5
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	4
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	14
ENGINES	6
OVERHEAD	53 (middle management)
PENDING	14 aircraft, 43 crews, 127 overhead



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Discussing PL in the next couple of days.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

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

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Received lightning in the last 48 hours, expecting periodic resource commitment. AA discussing transition plan for Windy Rock. Expect Ransome to remain T3.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: NTR

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: WA continues to be most active state, received dry lightning last night. 2 CIMTs mobilizing today.
- Rocky Mountain: Derby continues to be incident of concern.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: Chuck visiting NOPS and SOPS.
- NOPS: Concerned with upcoming weather forecast. Moving BIA multi-mission aircraft in tomorrow. Many orders submitted.
- SOPS:

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: PL3, anticipating ramp up, expecting lightning holdovers. Expecting orders for RAC mob. NW Team 12 managing many fires in the northern part of WA.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

Show Low SEAT base closing end of shift Wednesday.

Missoula airbase is closed 9/2-9/7.

33 TFRs with 4 airspace coordinators and 2 trainees assigned.

Crews

Distribution heavily tilted toward NOPS, NW, SOPS, GB and NR.

4 GAs stating crews as critical needs.

T2 availability remains good.

Teams

National Rotation 8/28-9/3: CA, NW, NR (no teams available), GB, NW

DoD

MAFFS stationed in Klamath Falls and Channel Islands ready for operations.

Expecting hoist Army helicopter RFA extension through October 15.

National Surge Package

Surge #5 assigned to Blackhawk incident, LWD 9/11.

Surge #6 completed IA on Aberdeen incident, still assigned.

NMAC Logistics – Kat Sorenson

NTR

Administration

PL – 3 (3.73)

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

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

MAFFS

LAT utilization has been under 25%.

Recommend releasing the 4 MAFFS end of day Tuesday, 9/2. -Support

