

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 3, 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 type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
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Additional Attendees: Brad Sawyer, Shane Santos, Russ Babiak, Kevin Conn, Maj Brian West, Mark Williams, Linsey Lewis, Sairy Neal, Brian Reublinger, Mike Mattfeldt, Jason Bruce, Jan Johnson, Ryan Sundberg, Rick Stratton, Ben Oakleaf, Sara Sink, Ben Gannon, Kim Albracht, Megan Heffentrager, Nate Hesse, Mack McFarland, John Mckee, Casey Teske, Gordon Sachs

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 4 September 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL3, light to moderate IA, 47 uncontained large fires, 19 CIMTs, 6 Medivac helicopters, 319 crews, 767 engines, 113 helicopters, 15,987 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL4, heavy IA, 78 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Cedar – 150 acres, 0% contained.

Root – CA Team 3 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 668 acres, 30% contained.

Dillon – CA Team 1, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,300 acres, 7% contained.

Blue – Active behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 1,600 acres, 0% contained.

Swift Complex – CA Team 10, active behavior, timber, 500 acres, 13% contained.

Log – Unstaffed, active behavior, timber and brush, 664 acres, 0% contained.

R-14 Buffalo – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 1,286 acres, 50% contained.

Pickett – Cal Fire Team 4, minimal behavior, timber and light fuels, residences and infrastructure threatened, 6,800 acres, 90% contained.

Northwest: PL3, 6 new starts, 14 uncontained large fires, 6 CIMTs.

Dads Creek – ODF, active behavior, timber, 140 acres, 10% contained.

Stone Mountain – 120 acres, 0% contained.

Marks Creek – ODF Team 2 mobilizing, active behavior, timber and brush, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Emigrant – NW Team 2, active behavior, timber, infrastructure threatened, 25,350 acres, 0% contained.

Flat – ODF Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels, 23,346 acres, 81% contained.

Bear Gulch – Moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 9,650 acres, 10% contained.

Wildcat – NW Team 2, extreme behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,700 acres, 0% contained.

Lower Sugarloaf – NW Team 3 mobilizing, extreme behavior, timber, 800 acres, 0% contained.

Lynx Mountain – BIA, active behavior, timber and slash, residences threatened, 125 acres, 0% contained.

Rattlesnake – NW Team 7 mobilizing, extreme behavior, grass and timber, residences threatened, 2,000 acres, 0% contained.

Crown Creek – NW Team 12, managing Katy Creek and Blackhawk Mountain, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 5,700 acres, 0% contained.

Blackhawk Mountain – Active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 477 acres, 0% contained.

Katy Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 650 acres, 0% contained.

Tacoma Creek – WA DNR, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 400 acres, 0% contained.

South Ops: PL3, moderate IA, 76 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

TCU September Complex – 7 fires, active behavior, light fuels, 6,000 acres.

Salt – 5,000 acres, 5% contained.

Marmon – 2,240 acres, 30% contained.

Paladino – 460 acres.

1-4 Fire – 3,800 acres, 15% contained.

Garnet – CA Team 10, active behavior, light fuels and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 29,700 acres, 12% contained.

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

Rattle Mountain – T3 IMT requested, timber, 20-40 acres.



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Rhoda Creek – 2,100 acres, 0% completed.

Ulm Creek – Active behavior, slash and timber, 700 acres, 0% contained.

Windy Rock – NW Team 2, NR Team 1 mobilizing, managing Devil Mountain, active behavior, grass and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Devil Mountain – Active behavior, light fuels and timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 1,900 acres, 2% contained.

Bivens Creek – NW Team 8, received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber, 2,100 acres, 88% contained.

Cloudrest – Minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, received precipitation, 3,140 acres, 35% contained.

Ransome – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 649 acres, 23% contained.

West Fork – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 963 acres, 83% contained.

Island Creek – NR Team 2, managing East and Mire, moderate behavior, brush, structures threatened, 14,000 acres, 5% contained.

Mire – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 900 acres, 0% completed.

Schwar Creek – Active behavior, timber and light fuels, 443 acres, 0% completed.

Great Basin: PL3, light IA, 6 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Willow Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, residences and infrastructure threatened, habitat threatened, evacuations, 4,066 acres, 43% contained.

Dollar Lake – Moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, received precipitation, 15,200 acres, 25% contained.

Monroe Canyon – GB Team 3, minimal behavior, brush and timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, 73,700 acres, 97% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 5 new starts.

3 AM – FL, 735 acres, 100% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 10 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Strong Draw – Light fuels, 750 acres.

Derby – RM Team 3, minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, structures threatened, 5,400 acres, 25% contained.

Stoner Mesa – Minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 10,249 acres, 47% contained.

Southwest: PL2, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – CA Team 9, SW Team 3 mobilizing, minimal behavior, brush, 145,504 acres, 80% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Hot, dry, and unstable conditions to persist in Washington to the northern Rockies with significant fire growth likely, isolated dry thunderstorms, and potential pyroCbs
- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for Oregon into the mountains of California today and tomorrow, with more wet thunderstorms likely Friday as temperatures cool
- Monsoon continues for the Southwest, West Slope, and Southwest with daily wet thunderstorms, with additional moisture from decaying Hurricane Lorena in the Southwest bringing very heavy rain and areas of flash flooding
- A cold front to bring breezy/dry northwest winds to the northern Plains tomorrow and freezing temperatures to the Upper Midwest, but areas of relief to New England and the Mid-Atlantic late this week

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Gradually cooling temperatures in the West, with a season-slowsing event becoming more likely for the Northwest, northern California, and northern Rockies mid to late next week
- The monsoon wanes this weekend with breezy and dry conditions expected for the Great Basin, Southwest, and West Slope next week
- Cool and dry conditions for the Midwest to the Northeast next week with temperatures slowly warming through the week
- A tropical depression is likely to form in the western tropical Atlantic this weekend, some impacts possible for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands, but it is too early to determine any impacts to the mainland US



Fuels Summary (Mark Williams)

Active fire areas in the NW are showing ERCs in the 97th percentile.

NW Mountains PSAs suggest ERCs improving to below the 80th percentile.

Temperatures expected to decrease along the western coast from Kettle Falls south to Happy Camp.

Risk Analysis (Rick Stratton)

NW and NOPS continue to increase fire activity.

SOPS fire activity will see slight uptick due to light fuels incidents.

WUI shows NW as the GA with the highest activity.

NW shows drastic increase in overall fire perimeter activity.

Implementing processes to address data analysis concerns.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		22	7
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		21	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	102	3	
HELO TYPE1	80	0	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	50	3	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	18	7	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	74	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	119	1	
CREW TYPE 2	215	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	80	125	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	8	7	
RAPPELERS		90	
CATERERS	18	7	
SHOWERS	33	22	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	46
TANKER	8
HELO	9
AIR ATTACK	3
IR	4
UAS	1
SCOOPER	10
LEAD/ASM	1
CREWS	31 IHC, 6 T2IA
ENGINES	23
OVERHEAD	135 (TFLD, HEQB, SEC, DIVS)
PENDING	172 overhead, 38 engines, 33 T1/T2IA, 1 T2 crew, 13 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Right-sizing and redistributing resources internally, releasing helicopters later today.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Coordinating Group call today.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Windy Rock TOC NR Team 1 on 9/5. Bivens Creek TOC local unit. Ransome T3 IMT with success anticipated. Ulm Creek being monitored, no resources available to commit, will continue submitting orders. Smokejumper spread remains thin after weekend deployments.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: Continued dry conditions.
- Southwest: SW Team 3 mobilizing to Dragon Bravo.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Significant uptick in activity in WA, OR and northern CA. CA sharing resources through northwest compact. Expect increase in compact orders.
- Rocky Mountain: Picked up several fires, expect continued uptick until favorable conditions on Friday.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: 4,500 lightning strikes in the last 24 hours, continue to pick up IA. Root going well, discussing staging CA Team 3 and utilizing Georgia T3 IMT instead. Prioritizing incidents.
- SOPs: 9,000 lightning strikes, majority of fires on Cal Fire. Prioritizing incidents.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: PL3, discussing PL4. Uptick in IA and large fire growth. Heavily utilizing aircraft. Prepositioning CA Team 4. NW Team 7 enroute to Rattlesnake and will also take Lynx, logistical concerns. NW Team 10 TOC Wildcat this morning. Emigrant saw growth and heavy spotting.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

Releasing 4 SEATs from Show Low end of shift.

Moving 2 scoopers from NOPS to NW.

Anticipate T1 EU helicopters coming available over the next week.

Rappelers hit 1,000 operational rappels for the season yesterday.

One T1 drone available this morning.

4 Airspace Coordinators and 2 trainees assigned.

Crews

Significant ordering continues, available crews allocated immediately.

Crew distribution heavily tilted toward NOPS and NW.

T2 crew availability remains solid, closely monitored.

Teams

NR and NW out of CIMTs.

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

National Rotation 9/4-9/10: GB, CA, SA, AK

NW placing additional CIMT preposition order.

DoD

MAFFS released end of shift 9/2.

Hoist helicopters still in place in CA, extended until 10/15.

National Surge Package

Surge #5 released from Crown Creek today, available for IA. LWD 9/11.

AK resources and ICT3 can re-crew, Zuni SMOD cannot.

Surge #6 busy on IA in Mammoth Lakes, not able to re-crew.

Consider potential for surge #7.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC remains at PL4, planning PL3 later this week.

631 active fires.

No provinces at PL5.

NMAC Safety - Mack McFarland

IMRR call occurred this morning.

FS accident and injury summary compiled.

Lessons Learned Center identified 8 different reports over the last week for highlight.

Increase in reporting and RLS summaries.



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Administration

PL – 3

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

Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

Tracker increased to 4.82

Rainfall scope and coverage did not come to fruition.

Some areas should see season slowing event mid- to late-next week.

Heavy resource ordering and commitment in 2 GAs.

Recommend increasing to PL4 at 0730 on 9/4. -Support

Discuss PL criteria over the winter.

National Surge Package

Surge #6 resources will demob back to NW at end of current assignment.

Request resource configuration recommendations and prioritize location for mobilization tomorrow.

NMAC Representatives will reach out for resource availability through agency channels.

Revisit surge #7 9/4.

