

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

September 5, 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:

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**Additional Attendees:** Brad Sawyer, Kevin Conn, Mark Goeller, George Geissler, Jeff Walther, Maj Brian West, Beau Dobberstein, Jan Johnson, Shaun Jensen, Sairy Neal, Mack McFarland, Gordon Sachs, Mark Williams, Scott Mayer, Megan Heffentrager, Jason Bruce, Robert Dukart, Nate Hesse, Mike Rubenstein, Ali Reiner, Rich Cowger, Ryan Sundberg, Sara Sink, Bryan Stamps, Col TJ Gagnon, Gina McGuire

### NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 8 September 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL4, light IA, 97 new starts, 62 uncontained large fires, 21 CIMTs, 6 Army Medivac helicopters, 440 crews, 1,110 engines, 128 helicopters, 20,618 personnel assigned.

**North Ops:** PL4, light IA, 14 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Cedar – CA Team 2, managing Swift Complex, minimal behavior, no perimeter growth, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 104 acres, 15% contained

Swift Complex – Moderate behavior, timber, limited growth, 538 acres, 54% contained.

Root – Moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 739 acres, 50% contained.

Blue – CA Team 1, managing Dillon and Log, active behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 2,630 acres, 0% contained.

Dillon – Active behavior, received precipitation, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 10,000 acres, 21% contained.

**Northwest:** PL4, moderate IA, 22 new starts, 20 uncontained large fires, 8 CIMTs.

Bear Gulch – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 10,250 acres, 9% contained.

Perry – Active behavior, timber, 1,300 acres, 0% contained.

Lower Sugarloaf – NW Team 3, managing Labor Mountain, timber, extreme behavior, structures threatened, evacuations, 7,800 acres, 0% contained.

Labor Mountain – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 1,000 acres, 0% contained.

Wildcat – NW Team 10, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 6,700 acres, 0% contained.

Rattlesnake – NW Team 7, managing Lynx Mountain, extreme behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,500 acres, 0% contained.

Lynx Mountain – Active behavior, timber and slash, residences threatened, 1,600 acres, 0% contained.

Crown Creek – NW Team 12, managing Katy Creek and Blackhawk Mountain, active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 12,400 acres, 0% contained.

Blackhawk Mountain – Active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 888 acres, 0% contained.

Katy Creek – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,400 acres, 0% contained.

Snow Peak – Active behavior, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Tacoma Creek – GB Team mobilizing, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,400 acres, 0% contained.

Emigrant – NW Team 13, active behavior, timber, infrastructure threatened, 31,450 acres, 0% contained.

Mark's Creek – ODF Team 2, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 2,100 acres, 0% contained.

Black Rock – Active behavior, light fuels, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Bridge – CA Team 4, extreme behavior, timber and slash, residences threatened, evacuations, 450 acres, 0% contained.

Moon Complex – 2 fires, GB Team 5 mobilizing, active behavior, timber, evacuations, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Kelsey Peak – 100 acres.

**South Ops:** PL4, moderate IA, 33 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Garnet – CA Team 10, active behavior, timber, structures and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 33,400 acres, 14% contained.



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TCU September Lightning Complex – Cal Fire Team 6, active behavior, timber and grass, infrastructure threatened, evacuations, habitat threatened, 14,000 acres, 22% contained.

Salt – Cal Fire Team 1, active behavior, grass and timber, infrastructure threatened, evacuations, 17,600 acres, 12% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL3, 7 new starts, 12 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Windy Rock – DNR, NW Team 2, NR Team 1 mobilizing, managing Devil Mountain, active behavior, timber, less perimeter heat, residences and infrastructure threatened, 5,070 acres, 5% contained.

Ransome – Active behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 700 acres, 23% contained.

Isabella – Timber, 100 acres.

Lost Girl – Active behavior, timber, 40 acres.

Ulm Creek – Active behavior, slash and timber, 2,400 acres, 0% contained.

Bivens Creek – NW Team 8, managing Cloudrest, minimal behavior, timber, 2,100 acres, 94% contained.

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

Timber Butte – Moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, habitat threatened, 2,250 acres, 0% contained.

Island Creek – NR Team 2, managing East and Mire, active behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, 15,000 acres, 5% contained.

**Great Basin:** PL3, 8 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Dollar Lake – Extreme behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, habitat threatened, 19,000 acres, 30% contained.

Willow Creek – Active behavior, timber, residences and infrastructure threatened, evacuations, habitat threatened, 4,066 acres, 53% contained.

Sentinel – Active behavior, light fuels, habitat threatened, 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

Monroe Canyon – 73,721 acres, 100% contained.

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

Derby – RM Team 3 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, received precipitation, light fuels and timber, 5,400 acres, 42% contained.

Stoner Mesa – Minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 10,200 acres, 51% contained.

**Eastern Area:** PL1, 6 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Buckabear – Moderate behavior, litter and grass, 160 acres, 40% contained.

**Southwest:** PL2, no new incidents, 2 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Dragon Bravo – CA Team 9 TOC SW Team 3 today, minimal behavior, brush and timber, 145,504 acres, 80% contained.



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## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

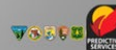
#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Sunday)

- While above normal temperatures will persist in Washington to Idaho and western Montana through the weekend, extensive smoke and poor visibility will keep temperatures cooler than otherwise expected
- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the Northwest today, drifting into the northern Rockies by Sunday as storms become wetter
- Periods of breezy/dry conditions this weekend for the Sierra Front and portions of Nevada
- Breezy/dry southerly winds creating locally elevated conditions in Texas ahead of the front today before relief from scattered wetting rain this weekend
- A cold front brings temporary relief to the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic coast tomorrow

##### Long-term (Monday through next Sunday)

- Cooling temperatures in the West through next week, with season-slowing precipitation most likely for northern California, western Oregon, and western Washington early next week and possibly in the northern Rockies and northern Great Basin mid-late next week. Additional monsoon moisture is possible across the Southwest, Great Basin, central and northern Rockies mid-late next week.
- Breezy/dry southwesterly winds for much of the Great Basin into the central Rockies early to mid-next week, with the greatest concern for eastern Oregon early week and the Sierra Front and western Wyoming through mid-week.
- Warmer and drier conditions for the Midwest to the Northeast much of next week, and breezy/dry northwesterly winds possible late next week with cooler temperatures, while dry conditions return to Texas.
- A tropical depression is likely to form in the western tropical Atlantic this weekend, with some impacts possible for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands early to mid-next week and Hurricane Kiko in the central Pacific may impact Hawai'i late this weekend into early next week.



Ocean temperatures continue above normal, monitoring impacts of tropical storm in the Atlantic.

### Fuels Summary (Mark Williams)

Several hundred-acre fires in TX over the last week, not predicting major activity over the weekend. Western Tennessee fuels and fire danger above normal.

Portions of Maine showing record ERCs.

Northeastern WA through Central OR will see decrease in temperature.

NR has yet to hit their peak, may increase for the next couple of days.

Northwestern California may receive precipitation.

SOPS is maintaining average fire danger.

NW and NOPS expecting decrease in ERCs and modest improvement over the next few days.

ERCs in NR will increase for a couple of days before dropping.



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## Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		26	3
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		22	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	96	8	
HELO TYPE1	84	0	
HELO TYPE2	41	0	
HELO TYPE3	48	4	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	21	8	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	71	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	116	0	
CREW TYPE 2	260	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	123	95	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	11	0	
RAPPELERS		57	
CATERERS	19	6	
SHOWERS	39	17	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	26
TANKER	3
HELO	15
AIR ATTACK	
IR	1
UAS	
SCOOPER	6
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	33IHCs
ENGINES	11
OVERHEAD	230 (HEQB, SMKJ, TFLD, SOF, FALB, SEC)
PENDING	324 overhead, 31 engines, 13 IHCs, 11 T2IA crews, 15 T2 crews, 6 helicopters



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: No CIMTs available until next Thursday.

### Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

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

### Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Scoopers were extremely effective on Timber Butte with T3 IMT. White Pine will be taken over by NR Team 2 with other incidents.

### Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Planned outage on Sunday that will impact FamAuth systems, working to avoid service disruption.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: NTR

### Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: WA taking heavy lightning this morning, ongoing moderate IA.
- Rocky Mountain: No issues or concerns.

### Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: Acting Director issued call to action, requiring all employees to take IS-700 and IS-800.
- NOPs/SOPs: Managing current incidents, continued IA. Critical need for middle management.

### Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: PL4, light IA, expecting additional lightning and IA. Black Rock is inaccessible, will hold it now with T3. Moon Complex has wilderness access issues, expecting long duration.





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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

#### Aviation

Anticipating short haul move from RM to NW.

NW rappelled all resources yesterday.

49 active TFRs.

#### Crews

Contractors are taking longer to reply with manifests, starting to hit ordering wall.

Asked GAs to place crew orders 48-72 hours ahead of time.

Almost all T1 and T2IA orders are UTFs.

National rotation 9/4-9/10: NR (available 9/7), CA, SA, AK

#### Teams

Decisions needed for Emigrant and Garnet replacement requests.

Replacement request expected for Dillon/Blue.

#### National Surge Package

Surge #5 available for IA in WA.

Surge #6 LWD 9/5, travel home tomorrow.

Surge #7 will be hosted in NW, report to Redmond 9/10.

Surge #8 will be hosted by NOPS, reporting to Redding 9/10.

### NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

### International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL3

BC remains busy.

### NMAC Safety – Mack McFarland

Systematic radio issues continue to populate SafeNet, dispatch centers must be aware of COOP.

Clamshell meltdown due to battery misalignment reported, with Lessons Learned Center.

Dermal skin sampling will occur on Garnet Fire next week for analysis.

## Administration

PL – 4

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



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## Admin Topics

### ESF4

Reviewing all-hazard capability in the event of an RFA from Hawaii.  
Complications for potential requests over the weekend.  
DOI and FS reviewing fixed and rotor wing options for disaster relief.

### Teams

Emigrant CIMT replacement request, recommend filling from national rotation with CA. -Support  
Garnet CIMT replacement request, recommend filling internally. -Support  
Anticipating CIMT replacement request for Dillon/Blue.  
Review business rule allowing a GA to mobilize a CIMT internally and still maintain their national rotation slot.

### WIMS to FEMS Transition

WIMS will no longer be available after September 15, though data will still be accessible until September 30.  
October 1 FEMS will become the authoritative data source for NFDRS.  
FEMS will host weather, fire danger, and field samples in a single interface.  
FEMS does not require requesting access; it is publicly available.  
FEMS data will show the same basic trend as WIMS data currently does.  
The model parameters will utilize national defaults while development continues and through transition.  
FEMS has automatic snow flags in the spring, may show unexpected or higher ERC values at higher elevations.  
Centers will need to adjust break points to match new FEMS data.  
FDOP revisions or full updates will occur through the fall and winter.  
FEMS values in general will be lower than WIMS, though turning on drought fuel load transfer may increase the ERC values.  
There is no comprehensive plan for entering FDOPs or widespread training.

