

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

September 8, 2025

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Megan Kephart	Information
Predictive Services Update	Gina McGuire /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Megan Kephart	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	Information

### Attendees:

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**Additional Attendees:** Brian Achziger, Jesse Bender, Kevin Conn, Jason Fallon, Shane Santos, Jeff Walther, Maegan Maughan, Elise Hawes, Scott Mayer, Gina McGuire, Mike Mattfeldt, Maj Brian West, Jason Bruce, Darren Donley, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Robert Dukart, Jan Johnson, Shaun Jensen, Lindsey Lewis, Mack McFarland, Ali Reiner, Rich Cowger, Ryan Sundberg, Gordon Sachs, Sara Sink, Bryan Stamps, Rick Stratton, Col TJ Gagnon, Ben Oakleaf

### NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 9 September 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Megan Kephart)

PL4, 300 new starts, 61 uncontained large fires, 22 CIMTs, 10 non-full suppression fires, incidents submitted 209s via hard copy last night.

**North Ops:** PL4, 33 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Ookala – HI, active behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, 450 acres, 30% contained.

Dillon – Moderate behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 11,800 acres, 50% contained.

Blue – CA Team 1, CA Team 6 mobilizing, managing Dillon and Log, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,100 acres, 0% contained.

Swift Complex – CA Team 2, minimal behavior, managing Cedar, timber and brush, 540 acres, 75% contained.

**Northwest:** PL4, 127 new starts, 20 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs.

Katy Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 3,800 acres, 0% contained.

Rattlesnake – NW Team 7, active behavior, timber and light fuels, residences threatened, evacuations, 18,000 acres, 5% contained.

Lynx Mountain – Active behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, evacuations, 3,500 acres, 0% contained.

Tacoma Creek – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 2,900 acres, 0% contained.

Crown Creek – NW Team 12, managing Katy Creek, active behavior, residences threatened, evacuations, 14,000 acres, 10% contained.

Several new small fires along the Cascade Mountain range.

Lower Sugarloaf – NW Team 3, active behavior, received light precipitation, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 12,500 acres, 0% contained.

Labor Mountain – Moderate behavior, received precipitation, timber and brush, structures threatened, 1,900 acres, 0% contained.

Wildcat – NW Team 10, moderate behavior, received precipitation, structures threatened, 7,500 acres, 0% contained.

Emigrant – NW Team 13 TOC CA Team 3 tomorrow, active behavior, received light precipitation, slash, structures threatened, 32,000 acres, 31,897 acres, 1% contained.

Black Rock – CIMT order pending, received precipitation, active behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 32,400 acres, 10% contained.

Bridge – CA Team 4, active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 350 acres, 15% contained.

Mark's Creek – ODF Team 2, timber, 1,600 acres, 12% contained.

Moon Complex – 2 large fires have merged, active behavior, timber and brush, 3,200 acres, 0% contained.

Kelsey Peak – Little growth, timber, 507 acres, 0% contained.

**South Ops:** PL4, 62 new starts, 8 uncontained large fires, 4 CIMTs.

Garnet – CA Team 10 TOC CA Team 5 tomorrow, active behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 46,000 acres, 14% contained.

Salt – CA Team 1, active behavior, grass and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 25,500 acres, 35% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL3, 53 new starts, 16 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Windy Rock – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, grass and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 5,300 acres, 14% contained.

White Pine – NR Team 2, moderate behavior, received precipitation, timber, 253 acres, 10% contained.



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

Ulm Creek – Active behavior, slash and timber, structures threatened, 2,700 acres, 10% contained.

**Great Basin:** PL3, minimal IA, 5 uncontained large fires.

Dollar Lake – T3 IMT, extreme behavior, timber, habitat threatened, received precipitation, 19,000 acres, 39% contained.

## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Gina McGuire)

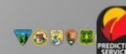
#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Wednesday)

- Above normal temperatures from eastern Washington and Oregon to Idaho and the northern and central Rockies spreads east into the Plains, with smoke and increasing clouds limiting heating today.
- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the northern and central Rockies, eastern Great Basin into New Mexico with gusty outflow winds and light rainfall amounts.
- Periods of strong south to southwest winds/dry conditions will spread east through Wednesday from eastern California across the Great Basin, Arizona and central Rockies.
- Cooling temperatures, increasing humidity and increasing wetting rains for central and western Oregon and northern California with scattered precipitation north and east into Washington, Idaho, western Montana and northern Nevada.
- Temporary relief to much of the East continues behind a cold front today, with gradual warming through the week.

##### Long-term (Thursday through next Wednesday)

- Continued cool across much of the West, with elevated RH for most areas, while scattered showers and thunderstorms are most focused from Oregon into Montana and Wyoming
- Washington and the Idaho Panhandle will be drier, with more isolated showers and above normal temperatures
- Breezy at times late this week and early next week for the eastern Great Basin and Arizona but recent rainfall will mitigate
- Hot and dry conditions for the Mid and Lower Mississippi Valley continuing the persistent drying of late, with breezy southerly winds in Texas this weekend



### Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Generally improved conditions in former areas of problematic fire danger, including: West Coast, N ID and NW MT, Ohio and Tennessee Valleys.

Monitoring the Gulf Coast and parts of WY and the N Plains.

Freeze-curing is possible in the Great Lakes.

Established fires are expected to continue to burn.



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## Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		28	
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		41	
LEAD ASM		12	
SEAT	98	5	
HELO TYPE1	102	0	
HELO TYPE2	49	0	
HELO TYPE3	58	6	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	22	8	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	62	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	116	0	
CREW TYPE 2	296	150	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	122	91	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	11	0	
RAPPELERS		87	
CATERERS	21	1	
SHOWERS	42	15	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	6
HELO	5
AIR ATTACK	
IR	15 (weather and maintenance)
UAS	
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	8 T1, 11 T2 IA, 7 T2
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	461 (HEQB, FALB, TFLD)
PENDING	



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### **Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer**

- 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: Missoula airport open. CIMT replacement request on Nez-Clear. Moderate IA, dry conditions in timber areas continue.

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

- FS: NTR
- Eastern Area: FDNY T3 IMT building roster for later this week.
- Southwest: NTR

### **Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)**

- NASF: WA DNR contracted fire bosses remain grounded.
- Rocky Mountain: Slight increase in WY, sending T3 IMT to GB.

### **Chuck Russell (NPS and California)**

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: September Lightning Complex, 22 fires, expecting winds.
- SOPs: Garnet crossed critical threshold, need for additional resources.

### **Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)**

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Heavy IA through the weekend, scattered and variable precipitation. Heavy use of aircraft expected to continue. Katy Creek increased evacuation level, moved resources to cover IA. Lower Sugarloaf activity increased causing the need for resources off other incidents. Wildcat and Bridge both looking good. Emigrant precipitation impacted firing operations. Tacoma Creek saw growth and spotting last night.



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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

#### Aviation

Good rotor wing movement to NW and SOPS.  
Anticipate additional movement of rotors out of NR.  
59% of smokejumpers committed nationally.  
2 active temporary towers.

#### Crews

Full commitment for T1 and T2IA crews.  
T2 crews becoming limited.  
T2 crew concerns with inability to sign into IROC during the outage to status.

#### Teams

National Rotation 9/4-9/10: NR, SA, AK  
National Rotation 9/11-9/17: SA, RM, CA, SW  
Island Creek expected to submit CIMT replacement request.  
Additional replacement requests expected 9/11.

#### National Surge Packages

Surge #5 assigned to NW/Central OR. Need ICT3 and trainee.  
Surge #7 rostered, will report to Redmond.  
Surge #8 rostered, will report to Redding.  
Surge #9 from NV will be hosted by SOPS.

### NMAC Logistics – Kat Sorenson

NIIC-D low in much of the equipment, refurbishing as quickly as possible.  
16 starter systems sent out last week.  
46 starter systems issued throughout the nation, T3 incidents are also ordering.

### International – Megan Kephart

Meeting with Canada Wednesday.

### NMAC Safety – Mack McFarland

NWCG Suicide Prevention week started 9/7.

## Administration

PL – 4

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





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## Admin Topics

### FamAuth Outage

DISK planned a maintenance and service transition.

On 9/7, most of FamAuth went down for approximately 14 hours.

Sit 209 had to be done through paper copies, all dispatch radios went down, everything on AT&T was completely inaccessible.

FamAuth redundancies vital for backup.

FamAuth and Sit 209 need to be moved to the cloud.

All updates pushed out were immediately rolled back in the afternoon.

USDA OCIO has the final say in pushing updates, FS CIO approved initial push.

Push operational impacts up to USDA level.

Recommend dispatch centers practicing COOP outside of fire season, initiate SafeCom, and NMAC push RLS message up.

Submit SafeNet action to ensure there's a response and action for the FamAuth outage.

Megan Kephart will work with Elise Hawes to submit a problem statement to NMAC for support.

Recommend submitting the concerns to FMB for discussion.

### Predictive Services

IMet assigned to SW through Thursday before they will have no support.

NICC PS checking with SOPS and GB.

NICC PS has been covering EA, will through the end of September before AK will take over.

Goal is to have 7-day product updated 5 days a week for each GA.

AK will have 2 full-time meteorologists, EA position has been flown.

### National Surge Packages

Surge #5 engines from AK and Zuni SMOD times out on 9/11. Recommend 3 R&R days in place and start back in NW on 9/15. -Support

Review business rules surrounding utilization and management of national surge packages for IA, emerging incidents, and large fires.

Surge packages will be utilized primarily for IA but will be assigned to incidents as needed.

### Crews

GA T2 crew ordering.

Revisit 9/9.

### Teams

Revisit in exec.

