

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

September 9, 2025

1100-1145

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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chair:</b> Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Co-Chair:</b> Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MAC Coordinator:</b>
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**Additional Attendees:** Kevin Conn, Brad Sawyer, Shane Santos, Jesse Bender, Russ Babiak, Perry Breitenstein, Scott Mayer, Mike Mattfeldt, Kim Albracht, Jason Bruce, Jan Johnson, Mike Rubenstein, Penny States, Gina McGuire, Gordon Sachs, Maj Brian West, Troy Phelps, Ben Oakleaf, Ali Reiner, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Casey Teske, Mack McFarland, Penny States

### NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 10 September 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Megan Kephart)

PL4, light IA, 119 new starts, 53 uncontained large fires, 21 CIMTs, 12 fires managed under non-full suppression strategies, 6 Army Medivac helicopters, 481 crews, 1,122 engines, 109 helicopters, 21,875 personnel assigned.

**North Ops:** PL4, 10 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Blue – CA Team 1, CA Team 6 mobilizing, managing Dillon, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, received precipitation, 3,600 acres, 13% contained.

Dillon – Minimal behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, received precipitation, 12,000 acres, 57% contained.

Swift Complex – CA Team 2 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, received precipitation, timber and brush, 540 acres, 84% contained.

**Northwest:** PL4, moderate to heavy IA, 45 new starts, 20 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs.

Tunnel Creek – Olympic NF, moderate behavior, timber, 100 acres, 0% contained.

Lower Sugarloaf – NW Team 3, extreme behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, received precipitation, 12,685 acres, 0% contained.

Labor Mountain – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, received precipitation, 3,000 acres, 0% contained.

Wildcat – NW Team 10, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 7,700 acres, 0% contained.

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

Katy Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,100 acres, 0% contained.

Rattlesnake – NW Team 7, managing Lynx Mountain, active behavior, timber and light fuels, residences threatened, evacuations, 17,700 acres, 7% contained.

Lynx Mountain – Active behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, evacuations, 3,500 acres, 2% contained.

Tacoma Creek – GB Team 7, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 3,300 acres, 0% contained.

Bridge – CA Team 4, minimal behavior, timber, residences threatened, received precipitation, 350 acres, 29% contained.

Black Rock – Moderate behavior, brush and timber, 40,680 acres, 10% contained.

Emigrant – NW Team 13 TOC CA 3 Team today, active behavior, slash and timber, received precipitation, 32,000 acres, 0% contained.

Moon Complex – GB Team 5, active behavior, received precipitation, timber, 3,200 acres, 0% contained.

Kelsey Peak – ODF Team 1, moderate behavior, timber, evacuations, 984 acres, 5% contained.

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

Garnet – CA Team 10 TOC CA Team 5 today, active behavior, grass and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 55,000 acres, 14% contained.

Salt – Cal Fire Team 1, minimal behavior, grass and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 25,580 acres, 37% contained.

TCU September Lightning Complex – Cal Fire Team 6, minimal behavior, timber and grass, 13,900 acres, 81% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL3, light IA, 21 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Isabella – Moderate behavior, timber litter, 456 acres, 0% completed.



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White Pine – NR Team 2, managing Island Creek, East and Mire, active behavior, timber litter, 406 acres, 10% contained.

Island Creek – Moderate behavior, brush and timber, structures threatened, 14,737 acres, 5% contained.

Windy Rock – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, grass and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 5,500 acres, 14% contained.

**Great Basin:** PL3, 4 uncontained large fires.

Dollar Lake – Moderate behavior, timber, received precipitation, evacuations, habitat threatened, 19,000 acres, 47% contained.

## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Gina McGuire)


## WEATHER SUMMARY

### Short-term (through Thursday)

- Above normal temperatures from eastern Washington and Oregon across the Rockies into the Plains will push east this week.
- Cooling temperatures, increasing RH and increasing wetting rains for central and western Oregon and northern California.
- Scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for Washington, the Rockies, eastern Great Basin into the Southwest with increasing RH but spottier wetting rains.
- Periods of strong south to southwest winds/dry conditions will spread east through Thursday from eastern California across the Great Basin, Southwest and central Rockies.
- Warm and dry for much of the east, with showers and thunderstorms in Florida and Coastal East.

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

- Continued cool across much of the West through Saturday, with elevated RH for most areas, while scattered showers and thunderstorms develop in eastern Oregon and much of the Rockies
- A second low to move into the West early next week, but with an uncertain track. A northerly track is wet for the Northwest into the northern Rockies with season-slaking/ending conditions, while a southerly track is dry with above normal temperatures for Washington and the northern Rockies
- Hot and dry conditions for the Mid/Lower Mississippi and Ohio Valley continuing the persistent drying of late, with breezy southerly winds in Texas this weekend
- The above normal temperatures and low RH will spread into the Southeast by early next week and continue through the week



### Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

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## Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		25	4
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		41	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	95	8	
HELO TYPE1	105	0	
HELO TYPE2	50	0	
HELO TYPE3	60	5	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	21	9	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	65	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	115	0	
CREW TYPE 2	289	100	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	124	101	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	11	0	
RAPPELERS		87	
CATERERS	22	3	
SHOWERS	44	14	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	16
TANKER	
HELO	4
AIR ATTACK	
IR	12
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	7
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	70
PENDING	



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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: Most IA in northern ID, no issues. Trending toward favorable conditions all week.

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

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

### Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: State to state resource sharing, mostly into OR and WA.
- Rocky Mountain: No issues or concerns, should have a couple crews available in the next couple of days.

### Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: Fatality on Dragon Bravo yesterday, press release went out last night.
- NOPs: Discussing transitions.
- SOPs:

### Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: PL4, heavy IA, largest fire picked up yesterday was 4,000 acres. Budy day of large fire activity yesterday despite precipitation. Dry conditions continue. 54 structures destroyed on Crown Creek. Rattlesnake received additional lightning. Tacoma Creek ramped up last night. Emigrant had tree strike, personnel in hospital.



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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

#### Aviation

WA DNR SEATs on safety standdown today.  
2 tankers going off MAP today, looking into availability for extending one.  
Good rotor-wing movement occurred yesterday.  
13 UMODS with 52 pilots committed.  
4 Airspace Coordinators and 1 trainee supporting the field.

#### Crews

Monitoring time-outs and end of year dates for crews.

#### Teams

National Rotation 9/4-9/10: NR, SA, AK  
National Rotation 9/11-9/17: SA, RM, CA, SW, GB

#### DoD

Hoist helicopters available in CA.

#### National Surge Packages

Surge #5 LWD 9/11.  
Most will R&R in place, round 2 FWD 9/15.  
Surge #7 NW NDT 9/10.  
Surge #8 NOPS NDT 9/10.

### NMAC Logistics – Kat Sorenson

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### International – Megan Kephart

Will meet with Canada tomorrow.

### NMAC Safety – Mack McFarland

Dragon Bravo CIMT medical personnel on scene extremely quickly, good response.  
Tree strike incident on NW fire.  
Health and Wellbeing personnel completing skin swab sampling in CA.

## Administration

PL – 4

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



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## Admin Topics

### FamAuth Outage

Elise Hawes should have letter to NMAC by Monday, 9/15.

### NMAC AAR

Revisit schedule.

### Aviation

Positive feedback surrounding military hoist helicopters in CA.

