

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 11, 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:

<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: Brad Sawyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Darryl Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Megan Kephart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Affairs: Marshall Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Erik Litzenberg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM Aviation: Matt Shaddle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA Aviation: Robert Dodgen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crews: Jeremy Sullens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers: Hans Ohme	<input type="checkbox"/> Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Jessica Gardetto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rappel: Adam Kahler	<input type="checkbox"/> IR: Rachael Hansen
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<input type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Jay Kurth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IMTs: Travis Bailey

Additional Attendees: Kevin Conn, Jesse Bender, Maj Brian West, Scott Mayer, Gina McGuire, George Smith, Penny States, Bryan Stamps, Gina McGuire, Jan Johnson, Ryan Sundberg, Ben Oakleaf, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Rich Cowger, Perry Breitenstein, Mack McFarland, Kim Albracht, Gordon Sachs, Adam Mendonca, Lindsey Lewis,

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 12 September 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Megan Kephart)

PL4, light IA, 72 new starts, 52 uncontained large fires, 18 CIMTs, 6 Army Medivac helicopters, 445 crews, 1,025 engines, 117 helicopters, 20,468 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 4 new starts, 6 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Blue – CA Team 1 TOC CA Team 6 today, managing Dillon and Log, minimal behavior, timber, 3,600 acres, 54% contained.

Northwest: PL4, 12 new starts, 23 uncontained large fires, 10 CIMTs.

Lower Sugarloaf – NW Team 3, managing Labor Mountain, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, received precipitation, 14,000 acres, 0% contained.

Labor Mountain – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,200 acres, 0% contained.

Wildcat – NW Team 10, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 7,800 acres, 8% contained.

Crown Creek – WA DNR, NW Team 12, managing Katy Creek, moderate behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 14,100 acres, 20% contained.

Katy Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,400 acres, 5% contained.

Rattlesnake – NW Team 7, managing Lynx Mountain, active behavior, timber and light fuels, residences threatened, evacuations, 19,367 acres, 50% contained.

Lynx Mountain – Active behavior, slash and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 4,500 acres, 6% contained.

Tacoma Creek – GB Team 7, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 4,000 acres, 0% contained.

Mark's Creek – ODF Team 2 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 1,700 acres, 72% contained.

Bridge – CA Team 4, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, received precipitation, 350 acres, 44% contained.

Emigrant – CA Team 3, minimal behavior, slash and timber, received precipitation, 32,294 acres, 2% contained.

Moon Complex – GB Team 5, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,200 acres, 4% contained.

Kelsey Peak – ODF Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, received precipitation, 1,000 acres, 15% contained.

South Ops: PL4, 11 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Garnet – CA Team 5, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 56,795 acres, 15% contained.

Salt – Cal Fire Team 1, minimal behavior, grass and timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 25,580 acres, 71% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, 16 new starts, 10 uncontained large fires, 3 CIMTs.

Windy Rock – NR Team 1, moderate behavior, grass and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 6,000 acres, 26% contained.

White Pine – NR Team 2, NR Team 3 mobilizing, managing Island Creek, East and Mire, active behavior, timber litter and timber, 938 acres, 10% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Gina McGuire)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Saturday)

- Cool temperatures, higher RH, scattered showers and thunderstorms and wetting rain for much of the Intermountain West with drier and warmer weather moving into the Northwest and western Great Basin Friday/Saturday.
- Strong south to southwest winds and dry conditions today across the eastern Great Basin, Southwest and central Rockies and from West Texas into the Central Plains through the weekend.
- Hotter and drier for the Plains into the East, with the hottest temperatures from the southern Plains across the Mississippi Valley where record heat may occur.
- Showers and thunderstorms continue in Florida and Coastal East.

Long-term (Sunday through next Saturday)

- Continued cool in the Rockies through Sunday, while scattered showers and thunderstorms move into the Plains.
- A second low to move into the Northwest Sunday, then potentially slow as it tracks across the northern Great Basin and northern Rockies through early next week. Another round of precipitation is likely in the Northwest Sunday and across the northern Rockies into early next week with potentially season-slows/ending conditions.
- Hot and continued dry conditions for the Mid/Lower Mississippi and Ohio Valley into the Southeast through mid-week, with near record heat in the Mississippi Valley.
- Breezy southerly winds from Texas into the Central Plains this weekend.



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Fire indices across the West are at or below normal for this time of year.
Monitoring fuel moistures in the East.



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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		24	
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		8	
AIR ATTACK		37	
LEAD ASM		11	
SEAT	95	7	
HELO TYPE1	100	1	
HELO TYPE2	45	0	
HELO TYPE3	58	4	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	18	7	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	73		
CREW TYPE 2IA	121		
CREW TYPE 2	277	100	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	94	122	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	6	0	
RAPPELERS		87	
CATERERS	22	1	
SHOWERS	43	17	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	12
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	12
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	1
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	15
PENDING	2 helicopters, 11 crews, 131 overhead



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Last day of MAC group meeting.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: Executive topic.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Discussing PL today.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

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

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain) – Darryl Jones

- NASF: No pressing needs.
- Rocky Mountain: Activity in WY, anticipating improving weather conditions, CO closing tanker base EOS today.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Shutting down IC call Friday. 3/5 large fires do not need critical resources.
- SOPs: Shopping T2 crews for Garnet.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: PL4, light IA, moving resources from IA to large fire support. Moderating conditions for most fires, expect several CIMT replacement requests.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

End of year MAP dates upcoming.
Rappelers supporting NW.
36 active TFRs.

Crews

No upcoming pinch points.

Teams

National Rotation 9/11-9/17: SA, RM, CA, SW, GB
No emergency incident mobilizations pending, no replacement requests today.

National Surge Packages

Surge #5 LWD today. Majority will R&R in place.
Surge #7 enroute to Central WA today for IA potential.
Surge #8 hosted in Redding.
Surge #9 hosted in SOPS.

NMAC Logistics – Kat Sorenson

NTR

NMAC Safety – Mack McFarland

9/11 memorials occurring for most incidents across the country.
Focus today on Bias for Action and applying operations to the national picture.

Administration

PL – 4

GACC Priority: NW, SOPS, NOPS, NR



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Admin Topics

Preparedness Level

Over 50 uncontained large fires still active.

2 GAs still at PL4.

Favorable weather provides good opportunities to fulfill suppression objectives on many fires while few will resist control in dry heavy fuels.

Resource ordering and UTFs have decreased considerably.

NOPS and NR continuing to trend downwards.

High likelihood of SOPS and NR decreasing PL.

Recommend decreasing to PL3 at 0730 on 9/12. -Support

Aviation

Recommendation for CWN aviation aircraft utilization.

LAT/VLAT and scooper flight time

Recommend releasing 3 LATs and 2 Scoopers today followed by an additional 2 scoopers on 9/12. -Support

Pay Cap

Personnel starting to hit the pay cap do not have to maintain their team roster.

