

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 17, 2025

1100-1300

| Topic | Presenter(s) | Purpose |
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| IMSR Update | Sean Peterson | Information |
| Predictive Services Update | Gina McGuire /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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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Shane McDonald | <input 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: Jesse Bender |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Josh Simmons | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Sean Peterson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Affairs: Sheri Ascherfeld | <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NIIC-D: Mark Hilton | <input type="checkbox"/> Cache: Marcus Medina | <input type="checkbox"/> DoD: Martha Wilkins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crews: Jeremy Sullens | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> IR: Rachael Hansen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BAER: Lou Ballard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC Operations: Kat Sorenson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intel: George Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Jay Kurth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IMTs: Perry Breitenstein |

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, Kevin Conn, Darren Donley, Gina McGuire, Shaun Jensen, Bryan Stamps, Shaun Jensen, Maj Brian West, Ali Reiner, Megan Heffentrager, Robert Dukart, Ben Oakleaf, Rick Stratton, Jason Bruce, Beau Dobberstein, Troy Phelps, Alex Robertson

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 17 September 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL3, light IA, 101 new starts, 38 uncontained large fires, 16 CIMTs, 6 Army Medevac helicopters, 310 crews, 639 engines, 77 helicopters, 14,800 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, 7 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Blue – CA Team 6, managing Dillon and Log, minimal behavior, grass and timber, 3,666 acres, 30% contained.

Ookala – Minimal behavior, litter and grass, structures threatened, 468 acres, 80% contained.

Northwest: PL4, light IA, 17 uncontained large fires, 11 CIMTs.

Bear Gulch – Extreme behavior, timber, active perimeter, structures threatened, evacuations, 17,000 acres, 10,800 acres, 9% contained.

Tunnel Creek – Active behavior, timber, 352 acres, 0% contained.

Wildcat – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 8,500 acres, 8% contained.

Lower Sugarloaf – NW Team 3 TOC NW Team 2 tomorrow, managing Labor Mountain, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 18,360 acres, 11% contained.

Labor Mountain – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 5,600 acres, 7% contained.

Lynx Mountain – BIA, NW Team 7 TOC SA Team 3 tomorrow, managing Rattlesnake, active behavior, slash and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,000 acres, 35% contained.

Crown Creek – WA DNR, NR Team 6, managing Katy Creek, minimal behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 14,190 acres, 40% contained.

Katy Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 3,900 acres, 20% contained.

Tacoma Creek – GB Team 7, minimal behavior, timber, infrastructure threatened, 3,900 acres, 61% contained.

Moon Complex – GB Team 5, NW Team 13 mobilizing, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, 3,900 acres, 10% contained.

Emigrant – CA Team 3 TOC RM Team 1 tomorrow, minimal behavior, slash and timber, infrastructure threatened, 32,358 acres, 38% contained.

Foley Ridge – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 437 acres, 0% contained.

Kelsey Peak – ODF Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, evacuations, 1,000 acres, 90% contained.

Bridge – 350 acres, 100% contained.

South Ops: PL3, light IA, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Garnet – CA Team 5, minimal behavior, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 60,000 acres, 87% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL2, no IA, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Windy Rock – NR Team 1, minimal behavior, grass and timber, received precipitation, 6,000 acres, 48% contained.

Ransome – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 703 acres, 53% contained.

Cloudrest – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, received precipitation, structures threatened, 3,100 acres, 54% contained.

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

White Pine – NR Team 3, managing Island Creek, East, and Mire, minimal behavior, timber, infrastructure threatened, 1,000 acres, 10% contained.

Ulm Creek – Minimal behavior, slash and timber, structures threatened, 2,900 acres, 10% contained.



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Great Basin: PL2, 2 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Dollar Lake – Moderate behavior, timber and brush, evacuations, 19,490 acres, 63% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 12 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

McCormick – 550 acres.

L7 Canal – Moderate behavior, grass, structures threatened, 400 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 8 new starts, no concerns, 1 uncontained large fire.

Derby – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, no perimeter growth, 5,400 acres, 85% contained.

Southwest: PL2, no new incidents, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMENT.

Dragon Bravo – SW Team 3, minimal behavior, brush, 145,504 acres, 94% contained.

Harrington – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 720 acres, 60% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Gina McGuire)

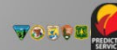
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Warming and drying across the Northwest, Great Basin and Rockies.
- Increasing remnant tropical moisture in California, Southwest and western Great Basin with cooler temperatures, increased RH and light to moderate rainfall.
- Mixed wet/dry lightning in northern California, western/northern Nevada and southern Oregon Thu/Fri with increased initial attack.
- Hot and dry from the southern Plains across much of the East aside from isolated thunderstorms in the Southeast and continued widespread showers and thunderstorms in the Plains/Mississippi Valley
- Showers and thunderstorms in the Mid-Atlantic, Southern New England today and Florida this week.

Long-term (Saturday through next Friday)

- Warm and dry in the Intermountain West Thursday.
- Potential for remnant tropical moisture moves into the West later through this weekend for an increase in mixed wet/dry thunderstorms that could increase initial attack and bring wetting rain.
- Showers and thunderstorms in the Plains will move east toward the Great Lakes and Mississippi and Ohio Valleys into next week.
- Warmer and drier from the Northeast through the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast with showers and thunderstorms in Florida.



Mixed wet/dry lightning in parts of California, Great Basin and Northwest this week with gusty wind potential in the Northwest, northern Great Basin and northern Rockies this weekend.

Fuels Summary (Ali Reiner)

Current fire danger indices show AZ and NM PSAs all at or below 50th percentile ERC.

NR ERCs are average with expected winds.

NOPS will see a drying trend.

SOPS fuel moisture is moderate with strong tropical moisture predicted for Thursday and Friday.

SA gulf coast is drying with potential moisture early next week.

RISK (Rick Stratton)

Bear Gulch is now largest fire in history on the Olympic Peninsula.

NW is busy and will have continued fire activity.

SOPS will continue to see a reduction in fire activity.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

| RESOURCE TYPE | # COMMITTED | # AVAILABLE | # OFF |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| LAT | | 21 | 3 |
| VLAT | | 4 | |
| SCOOPER | | 4 | |
| AIR ATTACK | | 22 | |
| LEAD ASM | | 10 | |
| SEAT | 80 | 11 | |
| HELO TYPE1 | 76 | 7 | |
| HELO TYPE2 | 38 | 4 | |
| HELO TYPE3 | 43 | 6 | |
| LARGE TRANS | | | |
| CIMT | 18 | 7 | |
| CREW TYPE 1 (IHC) | 47 | 9 | |
| CREW TYPE 2IA | 99 | 5 | |
| CREW TYPE 2 | 189 | 100s | |
| SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48) | 49 | 119 | |
| SMOKEJUMPERS (AK) | 6 | 0 | |
| RAPPELERS | | 83 | |
| CATERERS | 17 | 7 | |
| SHOWERS | 32 | 25 | |

| UTF TYPE | # Resource UTF |
|------------|--|
| AIRCRAFT | |
| TANKER | |
| HELO | |
| AIR ATTACK | |
| IR | 26 (weather and staffing) |
| UAS | 1 |
| SCOOPER | |
| LEAD/ASM | |
| CREWS | 1 T2IA |
| ENGINES | 0 |
| OVERHEAD | 65 (HEQB) |
| PENDING | 26 overhead, 1 IHC, 3 T2 crews, 0 engines, 0 helicopters |



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: 1 CIMT available, 2 CIMTs available tomorrow. Coordinating Group meeting this week.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

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

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Successful Army Medevac extraction on Garnet occurred yesterday.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: IC and BUYT selection calls ongoing.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain) – Darryl Jones

- NASF: No needs, CA monitoring lightning with moisture.
- Rocky Mountain: All is good and quiet.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: Re-evaluating closures and planning boundaries for Bear Gulch after significant growth yesterday.
- NOPs:
- SOPs: Transition FDNY T3 IMT to Garnet on 9/22, extension likely.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Coordinating Group call today, discussing PL3 in the coming days. Good containment on large fires. Expecting to be down to 5 CIMTs by the weekend. Emigrant had red medical yesterday, picked up new lightning IA, in brief of RM Team 1. Tacoma Creek TOC T3 by Saturday.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

Numerous fixed-wing and rotor-wing resources will be released by the end of the week.
Good availability for smokejumpers and rappellers.
23 active TFRs.

Crews

More crew availability than requests.
Beginning to support RX.

Teams

National Rotation 9/17: CA, SW, GB
National Rotation 9/18-9/24: CA, CA, GB, NR

DoD

Successful military hoist on Garnet occurred yesterday.

National Surge Packages

Surge #5 LWD 9/26.
Most surge packages working projects.
Surge #9 assigned to Garnet.
Recommend not re-crewing any of the current surge packages.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL2 with limited large fire activity and growth.

Administration

PL – 3

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



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Admin Topics

Aviation

DOI issued notification letter stating no additional SEATs could be flown on specified contract until corrections were made.

Overall availability will have limited impact for the time being.

USDA Outage Letter to FMB

Recommend adding several impact examples from the outage surveys.

Consider seasonality and timing of the day for future outages.

Add incident activity stats for clear picture of level of impact and safety element.

Add number of SafeComs and SafeNets submitted.

Sean P will work with Elise Hawes to complete changes and send out for final review.

NICC Jet

Interagency resource funded by the FS.

All FS aviation costs have been transitioned to suppression funds except for the NICC Jet, which is funded through preparedness.

Data from 2014-2025 has shown steady utilization decline with a drastic increase in cost.

Expired contracts will have no authority to be extended after January 1.

GSA and large airlines provide opportunity for chartering personnel through bidding. Estimate \$400k round trip for 100 personnel.

Concern with quick transport for large numbers of people via commercial flights.

NMAC Business Rules must allow for moving resources outside of commercial airfare.

Recommend exploring additional options.

Consider added benefits of transporting one crew at a time rather than large groups to ease logistical lifts by spreading things out.

FS aviation reached out to AFS to discuss concerns.

Sean P will compile a list of options and information for discussion on 9/19.

Revisit 9/19.

