

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

September 19, 2025

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Kat Sorenson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Jim Wallmann /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Kat Sorenson	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Kat Sorenson	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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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BLM/GB:</b> Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NASF/RM:</b> Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NPS/CA:</b> Chuck Russell
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**Additional Attendees:** Darryl Jones, Kevin Conn, Jesse Bender, Maj Brian West, Ali Reiner, Ryan Sundberg, CJ Carter, Shaun Jensen, Jason Bruce, Rick Stratton, Megan Heffentrager, Kim Albracht, Jennifer Humphrey, Sara Sink, Mike Rubenstein

### NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 22 September 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Kat Sorenson)

PL3, light IA, 96 new starts, 36 uncontained large fires, 13 CIMTs, 6 Army Medevac helicopters, 247 crews, 510 engines, 81 helicopters, 12,397 personnel assigned.

**North Ops:** PL3, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Blue – CA Team 6, managing Dillon and Log, minimal behavior, grass, 3,700 acres, 54% contained.

Dillon – Minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, evacuations, 11,900 acres, 84% contained.

**Northwest:** PL4, discussing PL3, 5 new starts, 17 uncontained large fires, 8 CIMTs.

Lower Sugarloaf – NW Team 2, managing Labor Mountain, active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 20,000 acres, 20% contained.

Labor Mountain – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, 5,900 acres, 7% contained.

Lynx Mountain – SA Team 3, managing Rattlesnake, active behavior, slash and timber, residences threatened, 8,100 acres, 38% contained.

Crown Creek – NW Team 6, managing Katy Creek, minimal behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 14,191 acres, 72% contained.

Katy Creek – Active behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 4,000 acres, 21% contained.

Tacoma Creek – WA DNR, GB Team 7 TOC local unit this weekend, minimal behavior, timber, infrastructure threatened, 3,900 acres, 70% contained.

Moon Complex – 2 fires, GB Team 5 TOC NW Team 13 today, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 4,000 acres, 10% contained.

Emigrant – RM Team 1, minimal behavior, slash and timber, infrastructure threatened, 32,300 acres, 41% contained.

Kelsey Peak – ODF Team 1, minimal behavior, timber, 1,000 acres, 97% contained.

Bear Gulch – Moderate behavior, 2,900 acres growth, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 18,700 acres, 50% contained.

**South Ops:** PL3, 16 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Garnet – CA Team 5, minimal behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, received precipitation, 59,844 acres, 91% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL2, 3 new starts, 9 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs.

Windy Rock – MT DNR, NR Team 1 TOC local unit tomorrow, minimal behavior, grass and timber, 6,000 acres, 60% contained.

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

**Great Basin:** PL2, 15 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

**Southern Area:** PL1, 35 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

**Rocky Mountain:** PL2, 3 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

**Southwest:** PL2, 6 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

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



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## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

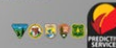
#### WEATHER SUMMARY

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

- Breezy westerly winds in the Northwest and northern Rockies focused on east slopes of the Cascades, the Columbia Basin, and north-central Montana where elevated conditions are most likely
- Scattered showers for the Northwest and northern Rockies Sunday, with wetting rain west of the Cascades but only isolated wetting rain to the east
- Breezy northwest winds today in the Northeast with locally elevated conditions, and dry conditions with minimum RH as low as 20% will persist through the weekend in the Upper Ohio Valley and Northeast with elevated initial attack
- Overall drier conditions also continue in the Southeast through the weekend with above normal temperatures and increased IA, as well
- Moderated conditions are expected to continue in California to the Southwest with most showers and thunderstorms occurring today

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

- Very warm and dry for the northwestern US early to mid-next week, possibly followed with areas of breezy westerly winds and elevated conditions
- Another upper-level low to bring isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms to California, the western Great Basin, and Southwest mid-next week
- Model uncertainty is very high late next week into next weekend, but most models are now trending to a warmer/drier scenario for most of the West and a less than 20% chance of wetting rain for the northwestern US
- Modest relief is possible for the Northeast mid-next week along a cold front with scattered wetting rain possible, but overall dry conditions will continue and the front will be followed by breezy west winds
- Higher confidence in more significant relief for the Lower/Mid-Mississippi Valley to the southern Appalachians next week due to scattered to widespread showers and thunderstorms



### Fuels Summary (Ali Reiner)

SA states strong signals for activity in the Gulf toward the end of the year.

Hot, dry and windy conditions expected in eastern NW and into MT.

Dry lightning expected in NOPS.



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## Resource Update (Kat Sorenson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		21	
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		22	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	74	11	
HELO TYPE1	81	1	
HELO TYPE2	33	0	
HELO TYPE3	46	4	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	13	6	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	48	3	
CREW TYPE 2IA	101	3	
CREW TYPE 2	175	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	60	103	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS		105	
CATERERS	15		
SHOWERS	26	29	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	3
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	3
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	9
PENDING	17 overhead



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: Most Smokejumpers will be off middle of next week.
- Great Basin: Transitioning Willow Creek to T3.

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

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: Coordinating Group call yesterday, expecting activity in the Tropics. Dialog surrounding the Secretarial Orders. ICs have proposals based on this year's rotation.

### Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Down to 1 CIMT this weekend. Will assess other team needs.

### Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest) – Alex Robertson

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

### Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain) – Darryl Jones

- NASF: NM has available engines.
- Rocky Mountain: Doing well, supporting RX.

### Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: Maintaining PL3 through the storm and predicted lightning.
- SOPs:

### Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Expecting several team transitions over the next couple of days. Expecting some lightning through the weekend. Foley Ridge is almost 500 acres, completing complexity analysis.



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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

#### Aviation

Released 1 LAT yesterday, releasing 1 tomorrow.  
2 LATS will go off MAP next week.  
15 UMODs committed to wildfire.

#### Crews

1 crew moved yesterday.

#### Teams

12 CIMTs supporting 11 incidents.  
National Rotation 9/18-9/24: CA, CA, GB, NR

#### National Surge Packages

Surge #5 assigned to Moonlight incident on Freemont-Winema NF.  
Surge #7 assigned to Lower Sugarloaf, LWD 9/24.  
Surge #8 on preposition.  
Surge #9 assigned to Garnet.

### NMAC Logistics – Kat Sorenson

NTR

### International – Kat Sorenson

Scheduling CIFFC/NIFC AAR.

## Administration

PL – 3

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



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## Admin Topics

### CIFFC AAR

Requesting three 1-hour blocks.

September 30 @ 1000

October 27 @ 1400

October 28 @ 1100

### CIMT /ICAC AAR

Meeting start times at 0800.

Chuck will request parking information.

### NICC Jet

Jet allows for quick transport of large number of people to AK.

Having a 2-3 day delay for getting crews into AK causes logistical concerns with getting crews out to firelines.

GSA contracts would cause a 4–6-day delay for mobilization.

Consider utilizing military aircraft for mobilization. Decision would be needed by January for May.

CWN aircraft may work for a fire season with low to moderate activity.

In 2019 in 40 days, AK received over 20 loads of 5 crews each.

Consider shortening the MAP period to cover the AK fire season.

Challenge with shortening a MAP period may not necessarily equate a cost savings.

June 1<sup>st</sup> may not be early enough to cover the AK season.

Consider another agency joining the contract to assist in payment.

Greg S will discuss payment assistant abilities with state of AK.

Brian A will evaluate DOI payment assistant abilities with BLM.

Outside MAP is covered by NICC Jet at CWN rates.

Revisit 9/22.

### Military Use Handbook

Draft is finalized. Will be posted next week.

### FS Outage Letter to FMB

Draft is posted on SharePoint.

Review and make edits for 9/22.

