

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

September 22, 2025

1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Jim Wallmann /Ali Reiner	Information
Resource Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	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:** Brad Sawyer, Kevin Conn, Shane Santos, Jesse Bender, Beau Dobberstein, Jan Johnson, Ali Reiner, Mike Henry, Shaun Jensen, John Mckee, Kim Albracht, Maj Brian West, Penny States, Jason Bruce, Robert Dukart, Mack McFarland, Lindsey Lewis, Ben Oakleaf, George Smith, Nate Hesse, Bryan Stamps, Rick Stratton, Mike Rubenstein

### NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 25 September 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL3, light IA, 221 new starts over the weekend, 34 uncontained large fires, 9 CIMTs, 191 crews, 398 engines, 6 Medevac helicopters, 80 helicopters, 10,527 personnel assigned.

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

Blue – CA Team 6, managing Dillon and Log, minimal behavior, grass and timber, 3,700 acres, 65% contained.

Dillon – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, structures threatened, 11,900 acres, 84% contained.

Log – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 1,170 acres, 71% contained.

**Northwest:** PL3, 4 new starts, 16 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Lower Sugarloaf – NW Team 2, managing Labor Mountain, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 28,400 acres, 20% contained.

Labor Mountain – Extreme behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 11,700 acres, 7% contained.

Lynx Mountain – SA Team 3, managing Rattlesnake, active behavior, slash and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 8,800 acres, 44% contained.

Rattlesnake – Minimal behavior, received precipitation, light fuels and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 21,845 acres, 93% contained.

Crown Creek – WA DNR, NR Team 6, managing Katy Creek, received precipitation, minimal behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 14,192 acres, 74% contained.

Katy Creek – Moderate behavior, received precipitation, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 4,228 acres, 46% contained.

Tacoma Creek – WA DNR, minimal behavior, received precipitation, timber, 3,900 acres, 73% contained.

Wildcat – Moderate behavior, received precipitation, timber, structures threatened, 9,250 acres, 7% contained.

Bear Gulch – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 19,000 acres, 6% contained.

Hawk Creek – WA DNR, active behavior, timber, 200 acres, 25% contained.

Moon Complex – NW Team 13, moderate behavior, received precipitation, timber, structures threatened, 4,217 acres, 10% contained.

Emigrant – RM Team 1, received precipitation, minimal behavior, slash and timber, 32,388 acres, 41% contained.

**South Ops:** PL3, 10 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 1 CIMT.

Garnet – CA Team 5 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, timber, 59,844 acres, 99% contained.

**Northern Rockies:** PL2, no new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Windy Rock – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 6,000 acres, 60% contained.

White Pine – NR Team 3, managing Island Creek, East and Mire, minimal behavior, timber, received precipitation, 1,045 acres, 58% contained.

East – Timber, 2,200 acres, 50% completed.

Mire – Timber, 1,388 acres, 70% completed.

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

Dollar Lake – Moderate behavior, received precipitation, timber and brush, evacuations, 19,470 acres, 63% contained.

**Southern Area:** PL1, uptick in activity in TX, 1 uncontained large fire.

Bluff Creek – Moderate behavior, southern rough, 27 acres of growth, 337 acres, 60% contained.



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**Rocky Mountain:** PL2, no issues or concerns, 1 uncontained large fire.  
Derby – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 5,400 acres, 90% contained.

**Southwest:** PL2, 2 new starts, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CMT.  
Dragon Bravo – SW Team 3 TOC local unit today, minimal behavior, brush and timber, 145,504 acres, 94% contained.  
Harrington – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 1,100 acres, 70% contained.  
Pumkin – Light fuels, 653 acres, 48% contained.

## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

#### WEATHER SUMMARY

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

- Locally breezy/dry northeasterly winds in northern California and southwest Oregon through Tuesday amid above normal temperatures near 100°F in the lower elevations, low RH, and poor overnight recovery
- Returning to warm and dry conditions for the northern half of the West but winds to be light
- Isolated to scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the central California coast into the southern Sierra Tuesday night into Wednesday for increased IA but large fires are unlikely to due moist antecedent conditions
- A cold front will move into the Lower Mississippi/Ohio/Tennessee Valleys and Northeast midweek bringing relief, but how much rain falls in northern New England is uncertain
- Continued warm and dry in the Southeast but RH will remain above 35%

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

- Warm and dry conditions are likely to continue in the northern half of the West through the weekend but with light winds, except for locally breezy west winds in the Cascade Gaps and Columbia Basin Thursday
- Another round of rain possible for the Northeast and East Coast late this week, and while amounts are uncertain all areas will receive at least light rain
- Another period of extended dry conditions may follow for areas east of the Mississippi river
- A period of heavy rain is possible in the Southwest this weekend into early next week
- Increased activity in the tropical Atlantic into early next week, but any impacts to the US will depend on whether or not a storm develops near/east of the Bahamas this weekend



### Fuels Summary (Ali Reiner)

SOPS has received a half inch of rain that could indicate season end is nearing.  
SW may continue to see IA.  
SW, GB, and NR ERCs are reaching 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles.  
NW and NOPS have remained active with their fuels.  
Monitoring drying in TX and NC.



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## Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		18	4
VLAT		4	
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		21	
LEAD ASM		9	
SEAT	70	21	
HELO TYPE1	72	20	
HELO TYPE2	27	9	
HELO TYPE3	44	14	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	11	9	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	38	16	
CREW TYPE 2IA	76	5	
CREW TYPE 2	145	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	88	76	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS		76	
CATERERS	15	8	
SHOWERS	27	27	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	1
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	6
UAS	1
SCOOPER	2
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	0
OVERHEAD	49 (HEQB)
PENDING	27 overhead

10 aircraft, 2 crews, 21 pieces of equipment, 160 overhead assigned to RX.



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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: Continuing to discuss NICC Jet.
- Southern Area: NTR

### Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Looking to transition White Pine to local unit mid-week.

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

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

### Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NTR
- Rocky Mountain: Resources timing out for end of season.

### Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: NTR
- SOPs: Garnet Fire TOC to FDNY this morning.

### Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA:
- NW: Light IA, 10 fires for 61 acres. Moderate lightning through the GA with light precipitation. Hawk Creek over 150 acres. Labor Mountain closed Highway 87. Lower Sugarloaf created large spot fire. Rattlesnake focusing on suppression repair. Crown Creek picked up IA fires in the area, planning TOC to local unit on Monday. Vehicle incident in Crown Creek ICP.



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## Liaison Report Out

### NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

#### Aviation

Continuing to right size CWN and EU fleets.

2 LATs going off contract EOS tomorrow.

Remote smokejumper bases closing for the season.

#### Crews

Excellent crew availability.

Working to keep IHCs employed, releasing T2s.

#### Teams

4 teams available on the national rotation this week.

#### National Surge Package

Surge #5 LWD 9/26.

Surge #7 on preposition in Wenatchee LWD 9/23.

Surge #8 in SOPS LWD 9/23.

Surge #9 assigned to Garnet LWD 9/22.

### NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

### International – Sean Peterson

CIFFC at PL2.

Last international liaison demobilized yesterday.

## Administration

PL – 3

GACC Priority: NW, NOPS, NR





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## Admin Topics

### National Preparedness Level

Historically, national PL has decreased on 9/22 as median date.

Most resource commitment is still within PL3 margins.

Fire activity has trended down, no GACCs at PL4, only 3 fires with active or extreme fire behavior.

Recommend decreasing to PL2 on 9/23 at 0730. -Support

### NICC Jet

No capability for BLM to assist in funding due to the limited timeframe.

Interagency partners in AK believe the contract is a continued need.

Concern with the utilization of FS preparedness funds.

Review DOI contracting options in the future.

GSA CWN works with contracting to submit bids out to commercial companies who submit proposals within 48 hours, cheapest is selected and submitted to contracting to work through hiring. Hiring generally takes 3 days to complete.

All agencies receive budgeting for contracts they hold through appropriations.

Effective changes should be discussed for FY27.

NICC Jet is typically utilized June and July.

Potential options may include bids for a certain number of flights, period of time, or by individual flight.

Contract is prepped for final decision and signature to be moved through the awarding process. Contract would be 1 year with 4 additional option years.

Aviation and NICC staff will follow up on CWN contracting and other options.

### DoD

RFA scheduled to be terminated October 15.

Will have 4 EU short hauls remaining.

Revisit 9/25.

### Meeting Schedule

Update meetings to Monday and Thursday at 1100.

Release Risk team.

Release NMAC Operations after 9/26.

### FamAuth Outage Letter to FMB

SafeNet reports have been added.

Will send to FMB 9/22.

