

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

September 25, 2025

1100-1200

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Predictive Services Update	Jim Wallmann /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Sean Peterson	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Sean Peterson	Information

Attendees:

<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: Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Jesse Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Shane Santos	<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: Stanton Florea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Erik Litzenberg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM Aviation: Joe Rogan	<input type="checkbox"/> BIA Aviation: Robert Dodgen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton
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<input type="checkbox"/> Crews: Jeremy Sullens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers: Hans Ohme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Jessica Gardetto	<input 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: Megan Kephart
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Jay Kurth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IMTs: Travis Bailey

Additional Attendees: Kevin Conn, Maegan Maughan, Maj Brian West, Kim Albracht, Colton Herrera, Darren Donley, Robert Dukart, Jason Bruce, Megan Heffentrager, Mike Henry, Lindsey Lewis, John Mckee, Brendan Oneil, Penny States

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 29 September 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL2, light IA, 182 new starts, 23 uncontained large fires, 6 CIMTs, 6 Army Medevac helicopters, 171 crews, 356 engines, 52 helicopters, 8,950 personnel assigned.

North Ops: PL3, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires.

Blue – Minimal behavior, grass, 3,700 acres, 83% contained.

Dillon – Minimal behavior, grass, 11,900 acres, 90% contained.

Northwest: PL3, light IA, 13 uncontained large fires, 5 CIMTs.

Lower Sugarloaf – NW Team 2, managing Labor Mountain, extreme behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 31,000 acres, 27% contained.

Labor Mountain – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 17,200 acres, 7% contained.

Wildcat – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 9,500 acres, 7% contained.

Bear Gulch – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 20,000 acres, 5% contained.

Crown Creek – WA DNR, NR Team 6, managing Katy Creek, minimal behavior, timber and brush, residences threatened, 14,192 acres, 93% contained.

Katy Creek – Minimal behavior, timber and brush, structures threatened, evacuations, 4,680 acres, 62% contained.

Lynx Mountain – SA Team 3, managing Rattlesnake, active behavior, brush, residences threatened, evacuations, 9,100 acres, 56% contained.

Rattlesnake – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, residences threatened, 21,845 acres, 96% contained.

Moon Complex – NW Team 13, moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 4,750 acres, 10% contained.

Emigrant – RM Team 1, minimal behavior, slash and timber, infrastructure threatened, 32,700 acres, 41% contained.

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

Garnet – Minimal behavior, timber, 59,844 acres, 99% contained.

Northern Rockies: PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Windy Rock – Minimal behavior, grass and timber, 6,050 acres, 68% contained.

White Pine – NR Team 3 TOC local unit tomorrow, managing Island Creek, moderate behavior, timber, 1,050 acres, 78% contained.

Island Creek – Moderate behavior, timber, structures threatened, 14,900 acres, 7% contained.

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

Dollar Lake – Moderate behavior, timber, 19,400 acres, 66% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, 33 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Bluff Creek – Southern rough, 337 acres, 60% contained.

Tango Forty Four – 761 acres, 100% contained.

Southwest: PL1, no new starts, 2 uncontained large fires.

Dragon Bravo – 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)

- Dry/breezy westerly winds in the eastern Cascades and Columbia Basin today creating elevated to critical conditions, with elevated activity expected on the Washington Cascades fires
- Warm/dry for the northern half of the West through the weekend with low RH, and locally breezy winds in portions of Montana
- A cold front brings relief to the Northeast today with widespread wetting rain before dry conditions return this weekend
- Dry on the Plains through the period with slow drying of fuels
- Two tropical storms off the East Coast by the weekend, and the impacts to the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic are uncertain. Higher surf and scattered showers and thunderstorms are the most likely impact at this time.

Long-term (next Monday through next Saturday)

- A deep upper-level trough will bring widespread precipitation to the northern half of the West, with snow in the higher elevations, and this appears to be a season-ending event for much of northern California, the Northwest, northern Great Basin, and northern Rockies west of the Divide
- Warm and dry on the Plains, with a period of breezy/dry winds on portions of the southern Plains next week which may create elevated conditions
- Continued dry from the Great Lakes to the Northeast, with breezy/dry northwest winds likely mid-next week in New England, with the impact somewhat mitigated by today's rain but it will accelerate the drying process
- Showers/thunderstorms may continue in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic along with potential strong winds depending on the track of the tropical systems early next week



Showers and thunderstorms from Tropical Storm Humberto possible in the northeast.

Season-ending event likely in the NW and NOPS.

SOPS may receive some precipitation, still expecting Santa Ana wind events.

Wind event in New England mid-next week.

Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

No significant fire danger concerns in the US.

Drying fuels will be seen in NW, NOPS, and NR.

ERCs east of the Cascades have jumped back up into the 97th percentile prior to moderating conditions.

Below normal fire danger persists in SOPS.

Recent/impending improvement in parts of SA and EA.

Dry and breezy conditions amid dryer fuels in NW and NOPS.

Notable increase in fire danger in NR, east of the Divide.

Western portions of Southern Area also drying, with no precipitation expected.

New England will see some precipitation for short-term improvements.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		18	3
VLAT		3	1
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		25	
LEAD ASM		6	
SEAT		33	
HELO TYPE1	56	34	
HELO TYPE2	29	12	
HELO TYPE3	37	17	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	6	16	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	33	13	
CREW TYPE 2IA	69	3	
CREW TYPE 2	114	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	69	80	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS		30	
CATERERS	6	16	
SHOWERS	23	33	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	8
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	1 camp crew
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	25 (SEC1)
PENDING	2 overhead, 2 helicopters



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Decreased to PL1.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Requesting information regarding NICC Jet decision.
- Southern Area: IMT recruitment solicitation is posted.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

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

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NTR
- Rocky Mountain: NTR

Chuck Russell (NPS and California) – Jesse Bender

- NPS: RX occurring in multiple GAs.
- NOPs: Monitoring lightning and precipitation. Red flag warning issued for tomorrow.
- SOPs: Monitoring lightning and precipitation.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Preparing for Red Flag Warning.



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Liaison Report Out

NMAC Operations – Kat Sorenson

Aviation

5 FS short-haul available, 3 on 30-day extension.

2 LATs will be released EOS 9/27.

All remote smokejumper bases have been closed.

Crews

Crew Coordinator has checked out with all GAs.

All crew requests will go through the NICC.

Teams

10 CIMTs on R&R or travel.

4 CIMTs on national rotation this week: CA, SA, CA, GB

Travis Bailey will remain CIMT Coordinator through the end of September.

National Surge Package

Surge #5 supporting Labor Mountain, LWD 9/28.

State of AK engines working on barge schedule for demob.

Surge #7, 8 and 9 completed.

Surge package AAR has been scheduled. Will report back.

NMAC Ops AAR scheduled for early October. Will report back.

NMAC Logistics – Sean Peterson

NTR

International – Sean Peterson

Requested 3 additional dates for international AAR.

Administration

PL – 2

GACC Priority: NTR



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Admin Topics

Aviation

CA reducing to PL2 will trigger release for Army Medevac helicopters.
Recommend including asset into future MOU.

NICC Jet

Fire Directors are discussing NICC Jet today.

UTV Usage

Ordering/filling specialty UTVs with EERAs has been paused through contracting.
FMB and NWCG working through concerns.
Package deals with REMS contracts have not been impacted.
VIPR UTVs are still available for ordering.

CGAC

Emphasized CIMT composition data request from 2024 and 2025.
GB developing Briefing Paper about T3 AD pay rate.

