

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

October 20, 2025

1100-1300

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:

☒ Chair: Shane McDonald	☒ Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ FWS/AK/SA: Shane McDonald	☒ USFS/EA/SW: Russ Long	☐ USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	☒ NASF/RM: Greg Smith	☒ NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
☒ BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ External Affairs: Kari Cobb	☒ IAFC: Erik Litzenberg
☐ BLM Aviation: Matt Shaddle	☐ BIA Aviation: Robert Dodgen	☒ USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton
☐ NIIC-D: Mark Hilton	☒ Cache: Marcus Medina	☐ DoD: Martha Wilkins
☐ Crews: Jeremy Sullens	☐ Smokejumpers: Hans Ohme	☒ Airspace: Kim Owczarzak
☒ OWF: Steve Shaw	☐ Rappel: Adam Kahler	☐ IR: Rachael Hansen
☐ BAER: Lou Ballard	☐ NMAC Operations: Maegan Maughan	☒ Intel: Scott Mayer
☐ CGAC: Jay Kurth	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ IMTs: Travis Bailey

Additional Attendees: Kevin Conn, Jesse Bender, Shane Santos, Brad Sawyer, Perry Breitenstein, Jason Bruce, Mack McFarland, Jan Johnson, Kat Sorenson, Mike Mattfeldt, Lindsey Lewis, Darren Donley, Beau Dobberstein, Mike Rubenstein, Robert Dukart, Colton Herrera, John Mckee, Troy Phelps, Penny States, Gordon Sachs

NEXT MEETING:

Working Meeting: Thursday, 23 October 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL1, light IA, 163 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 15 crews, 41 engines, 14 helicopters, 1,678 personnel assigned.

Northwest: PL2, light IA, 1 CIMT.

Labor Mountain – NW Team 3, managing Lower Sugarloaf, minimal behavior, timber and brush, 42,800 acres, 54% contained.

Lower Sugarloaf – Minimal behavior, light fuels and timber, 42,980 acres, 99% contained.

Moon Complex – Minimal behavior, timber litter and timber, structures threatened, 19,500 acres, 34% contained.

Southern Area: PL2, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires.

Harvey – Minimal behavior, southern rough and brush, 400 acres, 80% contained.

Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Breezy/dry winds ahead of and behind a cold front today into tomorrow creating elevated to critical conditions and high-risk significant fire potential on the southern Plains
- Dry for the Southeast behind a cold front, with enhanced downslope northwest winds expected in the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia bringing high-risk significant fire potential.
- Widespread wetting rain for the Northeast bringing season-slaking to season-ending conditions
- Another storm to move onto the southern Plains late this week, but will be wetter for Kansas to East Texas
- Drier in the West, with a moderate to strong atmospheric river making landfall in the Northwest Friday

Long-term (Saturday through next Wednesday)

- The atmospheric river continues through the weekend with widespread precipitation and locally heavy snow in the mountains, with breezy conditions in the Southwest
- Breezy/dry westerly winds are likely in the southern Plains early next week, but how much of a concern will depend on rainfall late this week
- Dry in the Southeast this weekend, but light winds, with an increasing chance for wetting rainfall along the east slopes of the Appalachians mid-next week



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Low fire danger (ERC) across the West, signifying relatively high moisture in larger woody fuels. Dry conditions persist across much of the Southeast.

Accounting for wind and fine fuel moisture (BI), fire danger is elevated along the Front Range into the Southern Plains.

Texas is looking at elevated conditions for the next couple of days.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		16	
VLAT		2	
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		18	
LEAD ASM			
SEAT	28	60	
HELO TYPE1	21	3	
HELO TYPE2	14		
HELO TYPE3	20		
CIMT	1	19	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	0	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	7	9	
CREW TYPE 2	12	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	3	11	
SHOWERS	7	45	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	2
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	1 camp
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	7
PENDING	No requests

14 aircraft, 9 crews, 21 pieces of equipment, and 369 overhead assigned to RX.



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: Working on RX.
- Great Basin: NTR

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Fall fire review will occur tomorrow.
- Southern Area: Coordinating Group call is later this week. PL2, not ready for IA surge package.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA:
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Fire Director/ Leadership meeting scheduled virtually this week.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: NTR

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NTR
- Rocky Mountain: NTR

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: Working through RX ignition approvals. Preparing for Mount Rushmore this week.
- NOPS:
- SOPs:

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Ongoing RX and planning.
- NW: PL2, decreasing to PL1 later today. Lower Sugarloaf and Labor Mountain ongoing, mostly in repair mode.

