

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

## NMAC NOTES

November 17, 2025

1100-1120

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Megan Kephart	Information
Predictive Services Update	Jim Wallmann /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Megan Kephart	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Megan Kephart	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 type="checkbox"/> <b>NASF/RM:</b> Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NPS/CA:</b> Chuck Russell
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Crews:</b> Jeremy Sullens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Smokejumpers:</b> Hans Ohme	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Airspace:</b> Kim Owczarzak
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**Additional Attendees:** Brad Sawyer, Kevin Conn, JoeSean Kennedy, Shane Santos, Jason Bruce, Perry Breitenstein, Darren Donley, Gordon Sachs, Scott Mayer, Penny States, Mike Henry, Robert Dukart, John McKee

### NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 20 November 2025, 1100-1300



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## IMSR Update (Megan Kephart)

PL1, light IA, 415 new starts, 7 uncontained large fires, 944 personnel assigned.

**South Ops:** PL2, 66 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Pack – Minimal behavior, brush and grass, structures threatened, evacuations, habitat threatened, 3,400 acres, 69% contained.

**Southern Area:** PL2, 233 new starts, 2 uncontained large fires, 1,200 resources assigned.

Bald Mountain – Moderate behavior, litter and slash, 4,300 acres, 71% contained.

Lignite – Minimal behavior, litter and slash, 180 acres, 95% contained.

## Predictive Services Update

### Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

#### WEATHER SUMMARY

##### Short-term (through Friday)

- Breezy/dry west to northwest winds amid low RH from the east slopes of the Appalachians to the Piedmont today creating elevated to critical conditions and high-risk significant fire potential
- Tomorrow, breezy/dry southwest winds are expected in the southern Appalachians creating elevated conditions before conditions moderate with higher RH, lighter winds, and areas of precipitation Wednesday
- Breezy/dry west winds in the central/southern High Plains today creating elevated conditions today before wetting precipitation is expected Wednesday/Thursday, with heavy rainfall likely just to the east across central/eastern Oklahoma and Texas
- Continued wet in southern California into the Southwest this week, with mild and mostly dry conditions for the northern Intermountain West after today
- Moist trade winds in Hawai'i early this week with heavy rainfall possible for the Big Island

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

- Modest relief is expected to persist in the Appalachians to the Piedmont due to higher RH and lighter winds although wetting rainfall may be isolated
- Another round of rain for the southern Plains early next week, with wetting rain possible for the High Plains as well
- After a wet weekend, turning drier for southern California and the Southwest, with a possible return to cooler and wetter conditions for the northern half of the West mid-next week



### Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Reduction of Santa Ana wind event potential.

Exposed fuels in the Plains will provide potential for short term fires.

Water table levels in Florida are extremely dried up.

Drought continues to develop in the southeast.



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## Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		9	
VLAT			
SCOOPER		2	
AIR ATTACK			
LEAD ASM			
SEAT			
HELO TYPE1			
HELO TYPE2			
HELO TYPE3			
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT			
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)			
CREW TYPE 2IA		30	
CREW TYPE 2			
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS			
SHOWERS			

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



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## Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

### **Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)**

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Coordinating Group meeting this week.

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

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: NTR

### **Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)**

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

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

- FS: Leadership meeting this week in SLC to discuss interim operations.
- Eastern Area: Coordinating Group meeting on Thursday.
- Southwest: NTR

### **Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)**

- NASF: NTR
- Rocky Mountain: NTR

### **Chuck Russell (NPS and California)**

- NPS: NTR
- NOPs: NTR
- SOPs: NTR

### **Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)**

- BIA: NTR
- NW: Ongoing RX, monthly meeting on Wednesday. Working on CIMT winter rotation.



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## Admin Topics

### International IMT Mobilization Process

National rotation will be utilized to identify GA for IMT personnel mobilizing internationally.

Language will be included in International Mobilization Guide.

Create category for IROC.

### Appropriate Use of IMTs

ICAC working on language to include in NISRM.

### National Rotation

Small group meeting to work on draft.

Review by next week.

### Recognition of Prior Learning

Russ working on memo language from NMAC to FMB requesting the revitalization of RPL.

### IWDG

Will send IWDG chairs regarding suggested tasks and forms to update.

