

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

January 29, 2026

1100-1330

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
IMT "Readiness Exercise"	Gordon Sachs	Discussion
International IMT Mobilization Memorandum	Chuck Russell	Discussion
Type 3 Incident Management Team Standards	Chuck Russell	Discussion
2026 National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization (NISRM) Review	Megan Kephart	Discussion

Attendees:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS/AK/SA: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS/EA/SW: Jon Teutrine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brad Sawyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Greg Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
<input type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Sean Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee	<input type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Erik Litzenberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intel: Scott Mayer
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Additional Attendees: Chief Fennessy, Megan Kephart, Jesse Bender, JoeSean Kennedy, Shane Santos, Gordon Sachs, Kim Owczarzak, Wade Clack, Perry Breitenstein

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 5 February 2026, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL1, light IA, 150 new starts, 1 new large fire, 1 uncontained large fire, 5 CIMTs, 9200 acres, 2 crews, 8 engines, 101 personnel assigned.

Southern Area: PL3, 111 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire, 5 CIMTs, 2 IHCs, 13 T2IA crews.

SA Team 3 assigned for emergency road clearing in TN.

CA Team 8 mobilizing to TN to provide Winter Storm Fern support.

SA Team 1 and SW Team 3 mobilizing to MS to provide Winter Storm Fern support.

RM Team 1 mobilizing to State Emergency Ops Center in LA.

Silver Lake – FL, southern rough, moderate behavior, creeping and smoldering, no perimeter heat, 4,800 acres, 60% contained, 1 crew, 3 engines.

Several FL state incidents 100% contained.

Southwest: PL1, NM and AZ both received snow.

Havasu - 3,868 acres, 100% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

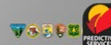
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Tuesday)

- A strong Nor'easter will develop off the Carolina coast with strong winds, coastal flooding, and heavy snow near the coast to the Piedmont
- Dangerously cold temperatures for much of the East, with below zero temperatures for the Great Lakes and Northeast, below zero wind chills into the Deep South and Southeast
- Mostly dry in the West, but western Washington will see moderate precipitation through the weekend, with a period of light snow into the Columbia Basin tomorrow morning
- Period of light snow on the northern Plains
- Wet along the southern coast of Alaska, with periods of freezing rain and snow for south-central Alaska and a warming trend, but continued dry, for the Interior

Long-term (Wednesday through next Sunday)

- Strong ridging continues in the West with above normal temperatures and dry conditions. Inversions for valleys, but not as strong or long-lasting as earlier this month
- Continued cold for the Appalachians to the East Coast and drier, but not as cold as this weekend
- Above normal precipitation likely to return to the southern Plains, weighted toward next weekend
- Periods of light to moderate precipitation possible for the Mississippi Valley



Weather pattern developing in the West, more typical February/March precipitation.

Poor snowpack in most areas.

Portions showing near normal levels are optimistic, mostly at higher elevations.

El Nino is forecasted by models to develop over the summer, not as confidently as most years.

Significant fire potential in February showing above normal potential in the Central Plains.

Southeast expecting above normal fire potential through February and March.

Concerns in MN and the Great Lakes where blowdowns have occurred.

May-June outlook leaning warm to dry out west with low snowpack.

Snow water equivalent currently mirroring many of the conditions of 2015 with high fire activity.

Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

No immediate or ongoing major fuels/fire danger concerns.

FL is currently area of greatest concerns, as it continues to dry over the last several months.

Exposed fuels in the central Plains; slight risk of short-term, wind-driven fires.

Parts of the Southeast reporting fuels "4-6 weeks ahead of schedule."

Unseasonable greening in parts of the Interior West, and widespread greening across lower elevations of the Pacific West.

Abundant grass/herbaceous growth in parts of Southern California.

Power outage map being utilized as a surrogate during assessment, ice storms impacting 1,000 miles.

Expect increase in hazard fuel accumulations, site exposure with quicker drying, and reduced vigor.

All of Texas has reported freeze-cured grasses.

Significantly colder than normal temperatures.

Prototyping Fire Environment Statements intended for latent/long-term conditions or spicy fire environments that lack ongoing or imminent fire activity.

Elevated fire danger, typical for this time of year.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		6	*1 LAT coming on next week
VLAT			
MAFFS			
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		4	*2 will be released tomorrow
LEAD ASM		2	
SEAT	8	76	
HELO TYPE1	1	75	
HELO TYPE2	1	38	
HELO TYPE3	11	49	
CIMT	5	10	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	2	0	
CREW TYPE 2IA	10	14	
CREW TYPE 2	2 (RX)	Several hundred	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)		0	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		0	
RAPPELERS		0	
CATERERS		12	
SHOWERS		49	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	0
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	3 (RX)
OVERHEAD	4
PENDING	

Working on NICC Jet solicitation, contract start date June 15.

20 aircraft, 2 crews, 54 pieces of equipment, 764 personnel committed to RX.



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Admin Topics

IMT “Readiness Exercise”

ESF4 and IMTA completing a gap analysis based on national security readiness plan.

First document consists of query/note from sent to all IMTs requesting the IC gathers the IMT virtually or in person to discuss potential national security items they may face.

Questions will be based on military ramp up and ramp down scenarios.

State Emergency Managers and IMT Coordinators have reviewed the plan.

Second document asking if IMTs can (yes or no) complete the outlined duties will request 24–48-hour turnaround time.

Intent to identify gaps that few or no IMTs can fill.

NICC will distribute to GAs who will distribute to all IMTs in area.

Exercise plan that lists the objectives can be included with document for distribution.

Review plan and provide feedback to Gordy COB.

International IMT Mobilization Memorandum

NICC and NCSC will work on a catalog item for international IMT mobilizations.

Memorandum guidance applies only to federal-personnel IMTs mobilizing under the NIFC agreement.

Does not apply to Compact mobilizations.

IMT RFA will be placed with GA up first on national rotation to fill with an ad hoc overhead team roster.

Type 3 Incident Management Team Standards

2025 configuration changes regarding the 35 positions outlined in M2025-07 will be upheld.

Configuration updates will be added to the NISRM.

2026 National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization (NISRM) Review

Chapter 10

Language references to various DOI agencies has been updated to USWFS.

Chapter 20

Language will be updated to reflect 2026 memos.

Chapter 50

New form created for non-federally approved cooperator aircraft that mirrors the federally approved form. -

Support

TFRs must be submitted by the GACC or ASCO due to security risks and open editing capabilities, not the local centers. -Support

National Airspace Coordinator will coordinate all ASCO assignments nationally due to critical position shortages. -Support

Types of flight, flight following, and sterile cockpit language will be updated to match Redbook language.

Include intent to release any agency CWN (DOI and FS) helicopter requires communication to the Coordinator.

-Support

No change to current rappel language.

Chapter 60

Do not recommend adding T3 IMTs to the IMSR.



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Chapter 70

Remove agency specific coding from the NISRM due to USWFS unification and changing codes. -Support
Resources are required to be statused accurately at a specified time daily through CAD and IROC. -Support
Integration between the CAD systems and IROC is required for all centers. -Support

