

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

March 26, 2026

1100-1200

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
Admin Topics	NMAC Representatives	Discussion
CIMT Request Form	Chuck Russell	Discussion
International IMT Support	Chuck Russell	Discussion
GA and Associate Member Responsibilities	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Chuck Russell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Aitor Bidaburu	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USWFS/GB: Chuck Russell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS/EA/SW: Jon Teutrine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<input type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Erik Litzenberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Megan Kephart
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intel: Scott Mayer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Affairs: Andrea Good	

Additional Attendees: JoeSean Kennedy, Chris Delaney, Kim Albracht, Craig Daugherty, Beau Dobberstein, Mark Hilton, Perry Breitenstein, Penny States, Chris Tipton, Maj Brian West, Hans Ohme

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 2 April 2026, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Megan Kephart)

PL2, light IA, 132 new starts, 43 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT, 2,151 personnel assigned. Above 10-year average for both number of fires and acres burned.

Southern Area: PL3, 85 new starts, 37 uncontained large fires, most activity in TX and OK grasses.

Poplar – NC/TN border, Helene blowdown, active behavior, timber and slash, 300 acres.

Fox Gap – TN, timber, tanker water drops occurring, 50 acres.

Rocky Mountain: PL2, 3 new starts, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Cottonwood – Minimal behavior, 129,000 acres, 98% contained.

Ashby – RM CIMT 1, active behavior, 30,000 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL2, 10 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Unified – NM state, active behavior, timber and brush, 500 acres.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

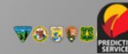
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Monday)

- Breezy and dry winds will create widespread elevated to critical conditions and high-risk significant fire potential on the central and southern Plains ahead of and behind a cold front today, with isolated dry thunderstorms on the Front Range and central High Plains
- The dry cold front will move through the Southeast tomorrow night, with high-risk significant fire potential ahead of the front in the Piedmont tomorrow and widespread high-risk potential Saturday in the Southern Area from the very dry and breezy environment behind it
- Periods of breezy winds will continue across the Plains through the weekend with moderate and locally high-risk significant fire potential continuing
- Modest moisture will move into the Southwest this weekend with isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the Greater Four Corners and high-risk significant fire potential for portions of the Southwest Sunday into Monday

Long-term (Tuesday through next Saturday)

- A deep upper-level trough will move into the West next week displacing the strong ridge to the eastern U.S.
- While cool and wet conditions are forecast for most of the West, periods of windy conditions are likely in the Southwest into the central and southern Plains
- Precipitation is likely to increase in the Mississippi Valley to Great Lakes, but the Southeast will likely remain dry through much of next week



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory issued 3/20 for Northern and Central Great Plains.

ERCs at critical levels in 4 GAs – SA, RM, EA, and SW.

Lightning potential in SW.

Widespread drought conditions across the intermountain west.

Abnormally large drought footprint to start in 2026 season.

Widespread tree mortality in Southwest.



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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT	8		2
VLAT			
MAFFS			
SCOOPER	2		
AIR ATTACK	9		
LEAD ASM	6		
SEAT	27	51	
HELO TYPE1	16	140	
HELO TYPE2	3	79	
HELO TYPE3	13	109	
CIMT	1	26	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	4	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	27		
CREW TYPE 2	1	100s	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS		12	
SHOWERS	1	48	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	Couple
OVERHEAD	Little
PENDING	16 OH, 2 engines

6 helicopters, 5 crews, 63 engines, 884 overhead assigned to RX.



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Administration

PL – 2 (2.38)

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR

Admin Topics

CIMT Request Form

Form is required at PL5.

Signatures can be requested by GAs but it is not required nationally.

Jesse will finalize form.

NICC Intel will upload updated form to NICC website.

Fatigue Follow-up

Tie in with Safety Committee (Eric Franstead), IBC, ICAC, etc. regarding progress.

Review documents from task group on SharePoint.

International IMT Support

Pilot international IMT shadow program in US.

Consider implementing much earlier in the year to build capacity.

Jon will review support proposals with Bea Day.

Correspondence for GA and Associate Member Responsibilities

Review final draft letter.

Chuck will distribute to CGAC today. -Support

Discuss with CGAC April 1.

Chuck will meet with NICC staff to draft new meeting structure.

Revisit outstanding NMAC tasks and CGAC taskings.

