

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

April 16, 2026
1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
IMSR Update	Maegan Maughan	Information
Predictive Services Update	Jim Wallmann /Steve Larrabee	Information
Resource Update	Maegan Maughan	Information
Agency Business and Geographic Area Update	NMAC Representatives	Information
Administration	Maegan Maughan	Information
PFAST Pants	Nate Hesse	Information
NMAC Meeting Structure (Briefing Agenda)	Chuck Russell	Discussion
Fatigue Management NMAC Draft Letter	Chuck Russell	Discussion
NMAC Open Taskings	NMAC Representatives	Discussion
International IMT Update	Russ Long	Information
IMT Readiness Exercise	Kristen Corkins	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: Chuck Russell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS: Russ Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA: Aitor Bidaburu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Maegan Maughan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IAFC: Craig Daugherty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intel: Perry Breitenstein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
<input type="checkbox"/> ICAC: Jason Loomis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Affairs: Andi Good	<input type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Chris Delaney
<input type="checkbox"/> BLM Aviation: Matt Shaddle	<input type="checkbox"/> BIA Aviation: Robert Dodgen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NIIC-D: Jason Bruce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cache: Nate Hesse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston
<input type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Jay Kurth		

Additional Attendees: Brian Achziger, Hans Ohme, JoeSean Kennedy, Jeremy Sullens, Kristen Corkins, Mike Henry, Mark Hilton, Shaun Jensen, Mike Johnson, Lindsey Lewis, Marcus Medina, Joe Morton, Penny States, Jose Munguia

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 23 April 2026, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Maegan Maughan)

PL2, light IA, 25 uncontained large fires, 20 crews, 122 engines, 13 helicopters, 924 personnel assigned.

Southern Area: PL3, light IA, 57 new starts, 19 uncontained large fires,

SR26 – Extreme behavior, 400 acres, 30% contained.

Appalachia – Active behavior, timber, 450 acres, 0% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL1, 4 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Schwachheim – 882 acres, 0% contained.

Eastern Area: PL1, extremes across GA from red flags to flooding, 4 uncontained large fires.

Patriot – MA, moderate behavior, 150 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL2, light IA, 1 uncontained large fire,

Encino 2 – Minimal behavior 566 acres, 60% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

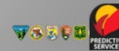
WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Monday)

- Elevated conditions and moderate to high-risk significant fire potential almost daily for the Mid-Atlantic to the southeast Atlantic and Gulf coasts due to winds, low RH, and isolated lightning in the Appalachians
- Hot, dry, and breezy for much of the central/southern Plains today, focused more on New Mexico to the Texas Panhandle tomorrow creating moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- Strong to severe thunderstorms expected tomorrow from central Texas northeast into the Midwest
- Continued wet for the Great Lakes and Northeast, with rain also expected in much of central and eastern Texas
- The central/northern Rockies will have snow today and tonight before drying returns to the Intermountain West for the weekend, with rain possible in northern California early next week

Long-term (Tuesday through next Saturday)

- Uncertainty remains high as weakening Typhoon Sinlaku recurves into the westerlies late this week
- While high pressure is most likely to be centered on the Plains next week, the pattern will remain somewhat progressive across the western and eastern US
- Areas of greatest concern will continue to be in the Appalachians, Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, and southern High Plains



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Two Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisories in effect covering 8 states.

Forecasted ERCs may improve slightly, will continue at record high levels for this time of year.

ERC-y still escalating in the Southeast and Mid Atlantic.

Erratic temperatures have delayed onset or otherwise slowed green-up in areas such as FL and parts of TX.

Snake River Plain has notably early green-up.

Upper-level soil moisture suggests green-up may be slower and less vigorous in the Southeast and Plains.

Fire Environment Statement is being utilized in many areas and can be accessed through GA webpages.



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Resource Update (Maegan Maughan)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		11	
VLAT			
SCOOPER		4	
AIR ATTACK		12	
LEAD ASM		6	
SEAT	29	55	
HELO TYPE1	19	139	
HELO TYPE2	8	78	
HELO TYPE3	15	111	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	0	16	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	0	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	17	16	
CREW TYPE 2		688	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			Training ongoing in NW.
CATERERS	0	11	
SHOWERS	0	50	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	0
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	0
ENGINES	9
OVERHEAD	64 (HEQB)
PENDING	2 T2 helicopters, 9 OH, 1 crew, 5 T6 engines



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Liaison Report Out

International – Maegan Maughan

Australia and New Zealand recovering and assessing resource fatigue.

Canada expecting normal start to fire season.

Working on Operating Plan the first week of May.

CIFFC requesting Kelsey Winters meet and greet with NMAC. -Will invite to May 7 meeting.

Administration

PL – 2 (2.05)

Admin Topics

PFAST Pants

Collected joint DOI/FS memo and distributed to caches for 1:1 replacement.

Stocked on all replacement pants available to federal agencies.

Once sources are depleted in cache supply, there is an additional GSA supply they can order from.

There has been no information distributed to state and local agencies.

DLA has been receiving information regarding steps forward, but additional dialog is needed.

Working on disposition and destruction of swapped out items.

NMAC Meeting Structure (Briefing Agenda)

Associate members will follow script to provide GA update.

Primary members will focus on agency updates.

Document will be distributed to NMAC members and associates for information.

April 23 meeting will include all new members and new agenda.

April 22 Chuck will meet with CGAC in last meeting.

Sub-groups chartered under CGAC will need to be updated and chartered under NMAC.

NMAC Open Taskings

Chuck will send dynamic containment draft document out prior to April 23 meeting.

NMAC Ops Plan

All NMAC members will review and provide feedback by May 14.

Operational Support and Coordination

Personnel will be put into Coordinator and Operations positions permanently. Review May 14.

Accident notifications should still be directed to primary member assigned to a GA.



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Liaison and Interagency Relationships

Complete. Associate members accomplish this goal.

Safety and Risk Management

Liaison requested at PL3 and above. Consistency is needed.

Chuck and Russ will work on this and report back May 28.

Persephone Whelan will remain USFS safety primary.

IMTs and Specialized Resources

How to strategically move the SMKJ on the national level rather than by base. Better coordination needed for all SMKJ movements.

Ox and Russ will work through and review May 28.

Documentation and Lessons Learned

Executive Secretary will review documentation and distribution of information for **April 23.**

CIMT Rationale

Completed

GATR

Recommend chartering under NMAC.

Discuss with NWCG Executive Board regarding appropriate parent group. Dig into positions that continue to hinder staffing teams.

Chuck will reach out to Erik Litzenberg for NWCG discussion.

National Strategy

Russ will refine the need and requirement for resource outlook.

Review May 28.

NMAC Delegation/Charter

Chuck will discuss with Sarah Fisher and Chief Fennessy then touch base with Greg Smith.

Include Chair of the Fire Committee.

President of NASF signed the Delegation of Authority to NMAC in the current iteration. TBD

National Crew Strategy

Maintain need for national update.

NMAC Liaisons

Completed with Associate Members.

IMT Configuration Pause

Completed

Fatigue Tasking

Tasking will be sent out this week.



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DOI Procurement Duty Officer

Completed

Recognizing CIM AAR Facilitation

Completed

NMAC Support Document

Will continue as is through 2026 summer.

NMAC Dashboard

Data should be coordinated between NICC Intel and FireDesk.

TV is needed for NMAC room to display. Rolling stand may be best option.

Intel Shop Products for 2026

Maintain as is.

CIMT Internal Mobilization Rules

Completed

National Surge Package

Removed from NISRM. GAs maintain desire for loose business rules for NMAC-activated surge packages including pre-identified naming conventions, ordering processes, etc.

CIMT Replacement Fills

Completed

IWDG Future

Consider other options and continuation of taskings in progress.

Review May 14.

Fatigue Management NMAC Draft Letter

Executive Secretary will finalize Letter and distribute.

International IMT Update

2025 tasking will be updated and distributed to NIMO.

IMT Readiness Exercise

Questionnaire will be distributed on April 28.

Questionnaire is voluntary to get a sense of overall readiness of IMTs for all-hazard response.

Sent to ICs at 0900 PST.

NICC will send to all wildfire IMTs

National Emergency Managers Association will distribute to all non-wildfire IMTs.

IMTs will have 48 hours to respond.

Questionnaire responses will be compared to the database.

