

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

April 17, 2025
1000-1200

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
Liaison Expectations and Changes in Report Out Duties and Resource Allocation	Shane McDonald	Information
Incident Status Summary Update	Russ Long	Discussion
AIMS Surge Incident Purchasing Memo	Russ Long	Discussion
NMAC Fatigue Memo	Eric Fransted	Discussion
PS Staffing	Steve Shaw	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: Steve Shaw	☒ NASF/RM: Greg Smith	☒ NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
☒ BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ External Affairs: Sam Storms	☒ USFS Aviation: Chris Tipton
☒ BLM Aviation: Matt Shaddle	☒ Smokejumpers: Pete Lannan	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender
☐ OWF: Kim Van Hemelryck	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☒ Intel: Megan Kephart

Additional Attendees: Maegan Maughan, Beale Monday, Eric Fransted, Mike Mattfeldt, Mike Henry, Jeremy Sullens, John Mckee, Shane Greer, John Cervantes, Nate Hesse, Jessica Gardetto, Megan Heffentrager, Molly West, Kat DuBose, Christina Boehle

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 24 April 2025, 1000-1200



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL1, 761 new fires, 13 uncontained large fires, 8 crews, 118 engines, 5 helicopters, 700 personnel assigned.

Northern Rockies: PL1, activity in ND,

Southern Area: PL2, 374 new fires, 12 uncontained large fires.

Bee Rock Creek – NC state, moderate behavior, hardwood litter, structures threatened, evacuations, 400 acres, 0% contained.

HAOE Lead – NC, active behavior, hardwood litter, 800 acres, 0% contained.

Powerline – FL FS, active behavior, timber, 200 acres, 5% contained.

Hilliardville – Moderate behavior, southern rough and timber, 1,300 acres, 60% contained.

Juniper Swamp – FL, moderate behavior, timber and southern rough, 705 acres, 60% contained.

Buck Creek – Active behavior, hardwood litter, 550 acres, 40% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL1, 1 uncontained large fire.

Buffalo – Minimal behavior, light fuels, 611 acres, 80% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, moderate to heavy IA in MN.

Dugdale – 3,744 acres, 100% contained.

Partridge Two – MN, structures threatened, 800 acres.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Breezy northwesterly winds with elevated conditions for portions of the central/northern Plains today
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms for the Southwest and Greater Four Corners tomorrow
- Breezy/dry southwest winds for eastern Arizona, New Mexico, and the adjacent High Plains Wednesday and Thursday, peaking Thursday with widespread elevated to critical conditions and moderate to high-risk significant fire potential
- A mainly dry cold front will move through the Appalachians and East Coast today, with breezy/dry northwesterly winds bringing areas of elevated conditions for the east slopes of the Appalachians to the coast
- Strong downslope winds at times for the central/eastern Interior of Alaska late this week

Long-term (Saturday through next Wednesday)

- Scattered showers for the Southwest and Four Corners this weekend before warm/dry and potentially breezy weather returns next week
- Widespread rain for the southern Plains, Mid-Mississippi/Ohio Valleys this weekend, with severe thunderstorms likely as well
- Drier east of the Appalachians and Florida, but minimum RH is likely to increase and remain above 30% limiting fire potential where green-up is slower to occur
- Periods of light to moderate precipitation for the northern half of the West



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

ERC percentiles still showing uncertainty.

FL will continue to see elevated fire potential and fire danger.

SW at 90th percentile or higher for ERCs, well ahead of schedule.

NE discussing moderate fire danger levels.

Olympic Peninsula is seeing ERCs in the 90th percentile.

Drought in Mexico has been expanding rapidly, in addition to parts of Canada.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		6	
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		3	
LEAD ASM		3	
SEAT	28	48	
HELO TYPE1		62	
HELO TYPE2	4	42	
HELO TYPE3	33	19	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	0	19	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	3	5	
CREW TYPE 2IA	14	14	
CREW TYPE 2	6	200	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)			
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS			
SHOWERS			

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	1
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	5
OVERHEAD	10
PENDING	overhead

29 aircraft, 5 crews, 77 equipment, 754 personnel committed to RX.



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Steve Shaw

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: Coordinating Group call today.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: Working through DRP process.
- Alaska: no anticipated PS shortages at this time.
- Southern Area: No critical needs or concerns, no anticipated PS shortages at this time.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Continued discussion surrounding purchase cards, contracting, and grants and agreements.
- Eastern Area: Light IA, increasing RX.
- Southwest: Heavy impacts in PS.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NTR
- Rocky Mountain: NTR

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: Discussed vacant meteorologist positions across the country, prioritizing fills.
- NOPs: NTR
- SOPs: NTR

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: 2 air attacks on, diminished helicopter capacity. Will work through travel consultations in 2 weeks.
- NW: IA picking up, 2 IHCs on now, discussing appropriate usage of IMTs, concern regarding heavy use of T3 IMTs.

Admin Topics

Liaison Expectations and Changes in Report Out Duties and Resource Allocation

NMAC will have an NMAC Operations Coordinator and NMAC Logistics Coordinator.

Functional area liaisons will provide resource allocation report outs to the Operations Coordinator.

Liaisons will not report out in NMAC, will request agenda time as needed for additional discussion topics.

NMAC Logistics Coordinator will primarily be one of the CODs.

NMAC Operations Coordinator will be Deputy Assistant Manager or COD.

Report outs must be to the NMAC Coordinators by 0900.

Incident Status Summary Update

Existing memo from 2017 considers alternatives for gauging incident completion utilizing a weighted matrix.

Concern with SIT 209 application as well as updating the 209 form.

Recommend SME group review and update 2017 memo for redistribution.

Consider contained vs completed language and the differences between agencies.

Clarify where completion fires fall in the line of priorities.

Measuring success by percent of objectives complete could be difficult to understand.



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NPS rep will reach out to Chad Fisher to understand what Chad's working teams role was on this topic.

Put together 2025 recommendation for May 1.

AIMS Surge Incident Purchasing Memo

Reduced capacity across many agencies with do not purchase lists being distributed.

BUYT are generally interagency, reduce agency-specific language.

Engage NWCG Incident Business.

Memo will be added to the SharePoint for review and edits.

NMAC Fatigue Memo

Traditional fatigue management mitigation focuses on post-assignment.

Request NMAC work with chartered bodies to encourage CIMTs to establish incident sleeping areas that provide the highest sleep quality, request CIMTs summarize best practices, compile practices and identify policy updates, and develop trigger points for sending personnel to hotels.

Minimize prolonged poor sleep conditions to mitigate fatigue.

Encourage CIMTs to support distributed operations with best practices allowing crew leaders to make decisions for their crews' best practice.

IWDG has compiled data on cost and health benefits of incident camp vs hotels.

ICAC has no oversight of the teams and may not be the appropriate group to task.

Consider a more doctrinal, less scripted approach.

Consider barriers for building additional best practices.

Consider Agency Admin subgroup as the lead group.

Recommend reviewing memo language, sending comments to Eric.

National PS

NICC BLM Meteorologist vacancy working on updating PD to better align with PSOG long term plan which may increase grade. Meteorologist group discussing the ability to share meteorologists between GACCs where needed.

Several NWS meteorologists available to assist NICC and potentially remote-support other areas.

Will work to prioritize current products.

IMET availability concerns linked to office staffing shortages.

Potential process for meteorologist support from DoD?

NMAC Notes

NMAC agreed to begin posting the groups notes on its NICC webpage

IMSR

Discussion has been had for several years regarding a transition from the PDF IMSR to a Dashboard format

A 'draft' dashboard has been presented to NMAC

NMACs intent is to socialize the transition to a dashboard format through calendar year 2025 then go live the first week of 2026.

