

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

April 24, 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
International Spring Working Meeting Update	Dave, Emma, Sean	Information
IWDG Updated Charter	Jesse Bender	Discussion
NMAC Fatigue Memo	Eric Fransted	Discussion
AIMS Surge Incident Purchasing Memo	Russ Long	Discussion
CIMT Request Form Fatal Flaw Review	Jesse Bender	Discussion
IMSR Dashboard	Brian Achziger	Discussion
National Caterer Memo	Maegan Maughan	Discussion

Attendees:

☐ Chair: Shane McDonald	☒ Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	☐ MAC Coordinator:
☒ FWS/AK/SA: Eric Fransted	☒ USFS/EA/SW: Russ Long	☐ USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
☒ BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	☒ NASF/RM: Greg Smith	☒ NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
☒ BIA/NW: Shane Santos	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ IMTs: Jesse Bender	☒ Intel: Megan Kephart
☒ OWF: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ BAER: Lou Ballard

Additional Attendees: Maegan Maughan, Jeremy Sullens, Jim Shultz, Beale Monday, Mike Mattfeldt, Brent Ruggels, John Teutrine, CIFFC and AUS guests

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 28 April 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL1, light IA, 857 new starts, 11 uncontained large fires, 16 crews, 108 engines, 11 helicopters, 960 personnel committed.

Northern Rockies: PL1, several large grass fires in ND.

Southern Area: PL2, improving conditions, 312 new fires, 5 uncontained large fires.

HAOE Lead – Minimal behavior, litter and slash, 3,100 acres, 57% contained.

Bee Rock Creek – NC State, minimal behavior, litter and timber, 2,100 acres, 94% contained.

Whoopflarea – Minimal behavior litter, 117 acres, 50% contained.

Curry Island – Active behavior, grass, 1,000 acres, 90% contained.

Juniper Swamp – FL, moderate behavior, timber, 2,500 acres, 68% contained.

Rocky Mountain: PL1, light IA, 1 uncontained large fire.

Plum Creek – NE state, grass, active behavior, structures threatened, 24,000 acres, 0% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, moderate IA, 460 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Jones Road – NJ FS, active behavior, timber, torching and spotting, 13,500 acres, 50% contained.

Danny's – Moderate behavior, hardwood litter, 1,250 acres, 50% contained.

Packerton – PA state, minimal behavior, litter, 560 acres, 66% contained.

St. Joe – MN DNR, active behavior, slash, 340 acres, 95% contained.

4 Square Mile – MN, minimal behavior, light fuels, 422 acres, 95% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Breezy/dry southwest winds across the southern Appalachians today before scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected Tuesday into Thursday spreading to the Carolina coast, where high-risk significant fire potential is forecast Wednesday due to the lightning
- Florida will remain dry this week with moderate significant fire potential, although winds will be light away from sea breezes
- Warm and dry in the Greater Four Corners, with localized elevated conditions for the West Slope today and more elevated conditions possible Friday due to increased southwesterly winds
- Light precipitation for the northern Plains and Upper Midwest today, but breezy/dry conditions may return late this week

Long-term (Saturday through next Wednesday)

- Breezy/dry southwest winds to continue across the Greater Four Corners Saturday, followed by a chance of precipitation Sunday, while light to moderate precipitation occurs across the northern half of the West
- Continued dry in Florida, with low minimum RH below 30% possible this weekend, although winds are still expected to remain light outside of sea breezes
- Wet across much of the Plains this weekend into early next week, with rain likely across the Dakotas and Minnesota, as well, but not all areas will receive wetting rain



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

FL remains an area of concern; rainy season may be delayed up to a month.

Portions of the EA are up to 4 weeks away from effective green-up.

ERCs in the SW are sitting at 90th percentile.

Columbia Plateau are starting to see large fires emerge.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		8	
SCOOPER		2	
AIR ATTACK		9	
LEAD ASM		4	
SEAT	31	47	
HELO TYPE1	12	65	
HELO TYPE2	5	42	
HELO TYPE3	29	19	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	0	18	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	6	9	
CREW TYPE 2IA	16	21	
CREW TYPE 2	3	200+	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		1 load	
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS			
SHOWERS			

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

41 aircraft, 7 crews, 867 personnel assigned to RX.



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: Ox will be in DC next week.
- Great Basin: AFF login switch to e-Auth causing issues.

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area) – Eric Fransted

- FWS: Jones Road fire burned onto refuge lands.
- Alaska: All quiet.
- Southern Area: No needs.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA:
- Northern Rockies:

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Discussing purchasing, contracting, ensuring agreements are in place for potential Title 10 usage. AFF will change to multi-factor authentication
- Eastern Area: Holding their own, no requests. States remain busy.
- Southwest: Ready for uptick in activity, busy with RX, additional crews becoming available.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: NJ has no out of area resource needs. FL concerned with central portions fire potential. Many EA states monitoring increased fire potential.
- Rocky Mountain: 1 IHC, 2 LATs.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: April 22 opened directory assignment positions to fill park vacancies in the regions.
- NOPs: Increase in RX burning during windows.
- SOPs:

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest) – Shane Santos

- BIA: Reviewing long-term severity requests. Preparing for IHC reviews beginning next week.
- NW: NTR



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Admin Topics

International Spring Working Meeting Update

Updated Operating Plans between Canada, Australia, and US.
Crosswalk document is nearly finalized for NMAC review.
Continued concern with medical payments and insurance for US personnel deployed to Canada.
Finalized billing flat rate for mobilization between US and Australia.
Discussed tour of duty and expected shift durations.
Formalized successional planning and trainee/mentee positions.
Anticipating active fire season in western Canada.
Australia has seen simultaneous flooding and fire activity through the season.
CIFFC and Australia may both be able to mobilize resources to US in 2025 if needed.

IWDG Updated Charter

Recommend leaving the mission as is, update specific bullet point actions.
Update membership, review and clarify short term vs long term liaison roles.
Provide feedback to Jesse by Tuesday, April 29.
Review draft Charter May 1.

NMAC Fatigue Memo

Consider which group should be tasked and include AAs.
Remove bullet point for developing trigger points for establishing alternate sleeping arrangements.
Concern with the ability to utilize federal credit cards for booking hotels.
Revisit Thursday, May 1.

AIMS Surge Incident Purchasing Memo

Clearly manage expectations on items that can be provided for 2025 fire season.
Concern with lack of interagency communication regarding purchasing.
Generalize NMAC memo due to upcoming changes expected with DOI procurement centralization.
Reinforce contracts that will maintain availability.
EERAs and land-use agreements may be difficult to put in place.
Discuss with DOI Incident Business, agency leadership and GAs.
Revisit Thursday, May 1.

CIMT Request Form Fatal Flaw Revie

Will consider when and how rationales are discussed consistently.
Consider criteria for CIMT request form.
Jesse will send to CGAC for review and discussion on Wednesday, April 30.

IMSR Dashboard

Recommend adding a link to the test dashboard on the website.
Ox will work with Steve and Megan on dashboard. -Support
Megan Kephart will send the link for product review.

National Caterer Memo

July 1, the minimum for national caterers will increase from 150 to 200 personnel.
Review final draft for Monday, April 28.

