

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

May 1, 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
Integration of International IMTs	Russ Long	Discussion
NMAC Fatigue Memo	Eric Fransted	Discussion/Decision
IWDG Charter	Jesse Bender	Discussion
CGAC CIMT Number Request	Shane McDonald	Discussion
IMRR Call Follow-Up	Shane McDonald	Discussion
Friday Agenda	NMAC Representatives	Decision

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: Brian Achziger	☒ NASF/RM: Greg Smith	☒ NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
☒ BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	☒ NICC: Sean Peterson	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☐ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ External Affairs: Marshall Thompson	☒ Intel: Megan Kephart
☒ OWF: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ BAER: Lou Ballard

Additional Attendees: Mike Rubenstein, MAJ Brian West, Ryan Sundberg, Beale Monday, Jeremy Sullens, Eric Fransted, Scott Mayer, Mike Mattfeldt, Maegan Maughan, Jesse Bender, Shane Santos, Brad Sawyer, Erik Litzenberg, Robin Cole

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, 2 May 2025, 0900-1100



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL1, light IA, 718 fires, 12 uncontained large fires, 13 crews, 108 engines, 13 helicopters, 846 personnel committed.

Southern Area: PL2, light IA, improving conditions, 174 new starts, 5 uncontained large fires.

Johnson – FL, moderate behavior, southern rough, 3,673 acres, 65% contained.

Juniper Swamp – FL, minimal behavior, timber, 2,500 acres, 78% contained.

Black Swamp – NC, moderate behavior, rough, 850 acres.

Rocky Mountain: PL1, light IA.

Plum Creek – 7,000 acres, 100% contained.

Rail Trail – 600 acres, 100% contained.

Eastern Area: PL2, moderate IA, 388 new fires, 5 uncontained large fires.

Thompson Hollow Road – PA, active behavior, timber, 2,200 acres.

Hammond Rocks – PA, timber, 470 acres, 92% contained.

Cub Branch – VA state, 180 acres, 50% contained.

Jones Road – Active behavior, timber, residences threatened, 15,300 acres, 75% contained.

Southwest: PL2, light IA, 30 new starts.

Stronghold – AZ state, active behavior, light fuels, residences threatened, 2,140 acres, 54% contained.

Otero – NM state, moderate behavior, timber and brush, 500 acres, 50% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Friday)

- Isolated thunderstorms in southern Georgia and Florida today and tomorrow, with high-risk significant fire potential due to small rain cores and lightning outside the cores producing new ignitions, with dry and locally breezy conditions to follow the remainder of the week
- Breezy/dry southwest winds in New Mexico and Colorado east of the Divide into the southern/central High Plains today, with lighter winds later in the week
- Continued low RH in the Mid-Atlantic into southern New England this week, only interrupted by scattered showers with light rain Tuesday into Tuesday night
- Relief from wetting rain for the northern Plains and Minnesota today, with gradual drying later in the week

Long-term (Saturday through next Wednesday)

- Another period of thunderstorms for southern Georgia into Florida this weekend into early next week, with coverage of thunderstorms and extent of rainfall uncertain and new ignitions will be possible from lightning
- Dry conditions likely for much of the East Coast during the period, with breezy winds over the weekend. Significant fire potential will remain elevated, highest over the coastal Carolinas
- Cool and showery for much of the West, with a period of breezy to strong southwest winds for the Greater Four Corners this weekend, although conditions will be mitigated by higher RH and scattered showers
- Breezy southerly winds continuing a wet pattern across the Plains, with the heaviest rain possible over the central/southern Plains



Above normal fire potential expected from June-August in TX, parts of CA, and the PNW.

Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

NTR



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		10	
VLAT		1	
SCOOPER			
AIR ATTACK		9	
LEAD ASM		1	
SEAT	41	44	
HELO TYPE1	12	70	
HELO TYPE2	6	46	
HELO TYPE3	26	30	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT		19	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	11	1	
CREW TYPE 2IA	16	23	
CREW TYPE 2	8	200+	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)			
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		1	
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS			
SHOWERS			

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	
TANKER	
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	3
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	
OVERHEAD	
PENDING	

55 aircraft, 10 crews, 75 pieces of equipment, and 1,084 personnel committed to RX.



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin) – Brad Sawyer

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: NTR

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: IHCs in training, coming on MAP soon, SMKJ in training.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Title 10 pre-season meeting in Fort Carson next week. Military Use Handbook meeting May 12. Working towards 11,300 fire personnel. Protest period for tents and yurts ongoing.
- Eastern Area: NTR
- Southwest: PL2, high fire danger, no meteorologists in GA but receiving assistance from GB. Reviewing which positions are available and identifying shortages.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: Ongoing concerns over Carolinas coastal plains and drying trend in FL.
- Rocky Mountain: 1 IHC available, minimal activity.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS: Everglades outreach to fill management positions.
- NOPs: Virtual IMT meetings May 14.
- SOPs:

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Program reviews over the next few weeks, critical staffing concerns with aviation resources.
- NW: Warming and drying trends, continuing crew trainings, 3 IHCs

External Affairs

May is national wildfire preparedness month.

Light the Night and Bells Across America events will continue as planned.

Hosting Bells Across America event tomorrow 10-11

Hosting Delegation from Brazil next week.

Test run this week for NIFC website maintenance due to DOI consolidation

International

Ongoing fires in Israel, requests for PPE.



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Admin Topics

Integration of International IMTs

Propose creating country-specific SOPs.

NIMO has identified several ICs willing to review International IMT requests and the International Mob Guide.

Task team would review the potential for international overhead resources to fill IMT gaps.

Consider delegation needed for International IMTs functioning independently in US.

Recommend incorporating IMT Association representative on task group.

Include GA and AA in discussion on potential utilizations.

Consider including Derrek Hartman and Mike Mattfeldt on task group.

Robin Cole will work with Russ Long and Bea Day to create task group.

NMAC Fatigue Memo

IWDG interested in assisting.

Information gathering to be reviewed fall 2025.

Many IMTs may have trigger points already identified due to previous distancing concerns.

The responsibility should fall on the Coordinating Group to work with the AAs in managing fatigue.

Encourage task group to visit with Cal Fire regarding their hotel management process.

Ensure all ICs retain the latitude to identify best practices for managing fatigue based on situation.

Eric and Shane will finalize draft language.

Revisit group to be tasked.

IWDG Charter

IWDG will provide monthly reports to NMAC.

Membership will be updated to accurately reflect members and liaisons appropriate for objectives.

Expand language to include all incident response personnel.

Include specific goals and scope of IWDG.

Recommend Charter get vetted through agency channels.

Consider re-chartering AA Subgroup under IWDG by NMAC rather than FMB.

Consider consensus definition for voting.

Provide comments to Jesse for review Thursday, May 8.

CGAC CIMT Number Request

Does there continue to be 41 viable CIMTs nationwide?

Consider how many CIMTs can be staffed with 24 minimum and how many with 75 maximum rosters.

Shane will draft a sentence request.

Liaisons will ask their GAs for accurate number of CIMTs each can contribute and report to Chuck by 5/6.

IMRR Call Follow-Up

Groups have been identified for inclusion with primary and secondary positions.

NMAC will identify facilitators.

Facilitators will be invited to May 15 NMAC meeting for expectations.

IMRR will be brought more into interagency alignment.

Chuck and Russ will draft intent message to review May 12.

