

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

May 12, 2025
1100-1300

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
Draft Letter to IMRR	NMAC Representatives	Discussion
CIMT Criteria Questions	NMAC Representatives	Discussion
CIMT Availability	NMAC Representatives	Discussion
Contingency Planning	Chuck Russell	Discussion
IBC	Chuck Russell	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: 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:	☐ USFS Aviation:
☐ OWF: Kim Van Hemelryck	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ BAER: Lou Ballard

Additional Attendees: Eric Fransted, Jesse Bender, Jon Teutrine, Shane Santos, Beale Monday, Maegan Maughan

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 12 May 2025, 1000-1200

Agenda Items

May 15

IMRR Call

Crew Coordination

IHC Self-Status Page

IBC Update

May 19

CIMT Criteria Questions

May 22

MAFFS Activation

Aviation Briefing Papers

IWDG Charter



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Admin Topics

Draft Letter to IMRR

Recommend providing direct leader's intent for IMRR calls.

Review draft guidelines today for presentation on May 15.

CIMT Criteria Questions

Revisit CIMT Rationale questions post CGAC review on May 19.

CIMT Availability

33-37 CIMTs available nationally for 2025.

GAs continue to investigate reduced capacity.

NMAC will complete monthly check-ins with GAs to verify team capacity.

Contingency Planning

Recommend assembling FS engine task forces with rotating crews every 2 weeks for IA capabilities.

Recommend utilizing crews from low activity GAs to staff unstaffed engines in other areas.

Encourage more use of suppression modules to support western fire season.

Consider utilizing surge packages earlier as well as non-traditional options.

Ensure resources are strategically located for most beneficial fire support.

Consider interagency severity packages.

Stand surge packages up when drawdown is imminent prior to depletion.

NMAC would designate where task forces and surge teams should be sent and when to relocate them.

Consider if NMAC will follow up with resource utilization after commitment.

Consider whether historical CIMTs that are unable to roster a team this year can roster as a T3 IMT or backfill CIMT holes as needed.

Recommend creating efficiencies during team transitions to cut back on team overlap time.

Consider providing short-term surge resources to provide assistance to incidents during transitions.

Consider limiting surge resources to federal resources for standardization and oversight.

Working on setting date for pre-season military training.

Pre-plan utilization of military, international, and National Guard resources.

National Guard activation requests must be in coordination with each state and may need support from federal overhead resources.

Utilize CIMT personnel mobilizing early to assist AAs with administrative tasks prior to team arrival.

Chuck's group will develop draft SOPs on surge task forces and streamlining IMTs for NMAC review.

Socialize NMAC-placed, GA-controlled resources with NMAC follow up and reassignment capabilities.

NWCG task group (Ben Curtis) may have capability to assist with AA/local unit support.

IBC

IBC has created three plans that they will present to NMAC on May 15.

