

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

May 15, 2025
1000-1200

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
IMRR Update	NMAC Representatives	Discussion
IBC Update	NMAC Representatives	Discussion
Crew Coordinator Update	Jeremy Sullens	Discussion
IHC Status Page	Kyle West	Discussion
Military Use Handbook Update	Zeph Cunningham/Stu Rodeffer	Discussion

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: Maegan Maughan	☒ Weather: Jim Wallmann
☒ Fuels: Steve Larrabee	☒ Crews: Jeremy Sullens	☒ Intel: Megan Kephart :
☒ OWF: Jessica Gardetto	☒ Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	☐ BAER: Lou Ballard

Additional Attendees: Eric Fransted, Sean Peterson, Jesse Bender, Jeff Walther, Matt Shaddle, Scott Mayer, Mike Rubenstein, Ryan Sundberg, Jon Teutrine, Zeph Cunningham, Stu Rodeffer, Dana Carter, Susan Vincent, Jen Rabuck, Travis Bailey, Casey Cheesbrough, Kelin Crill, David Vitwar, Bea Day, Erik Litzenberg, Brenda Even, Michelle Fidler, Jimmy Grimes, Jennifer Hebbeler, Billie Hopkins, Molly Keating, Jason Loomis, Dan Mallia, Wendy McCartney, Ben McGrane, William Phillips, Roman Watson, Nathan Sabo, Harold Updike, Jamie Wade, Jessica Wilson, Christopher Barth, Jamie Wade, Julie Bennett

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 19 May 2025, 1100-1300



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IMSR Update (Megan Kephart)

PL2, light IA, 559 new starts since May 9, 10 uncontained large fires, 2 CIMTs, 27 crews, 166 engines, 18 helicopters, 1,700 personnel assigned.

Eastern Area: PL3, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Camp House – EA Team 1, active behavior, timber, structures threatened, evacuations, 15,000 acres, 0% contained.

Jenkins – Active behavior, brush and timber, residences threatened, evacuations, 15,000 acres, 0% contained.

Munger Draw – MN DNR, active behavior, timber and grass, structures threatened, evacuations, 1,600 acres, 0% contained.

Southwest: PL3, light IA, 4 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT.

Greer – SW Team 3, active behavior, timber, communities threatened, evacuations, 10,000 acres, 0% contained.

Blind – Active behavior, timber, structures threatened, 1,100 acres, 0% contained.

Bryce – AZ DOF, minimal behavior, brush and timber, 3,300 acres, 58% contained.

Coyote – AZ DOF, minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 1,200 acres, 75% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Monday)

- Relief due to cooler temperatures and light to moderate precipitation in the Upper Midwest today and tomorrow, with cool conditions continuing into early next week
- Breezy/dry westerly winds from Iowa to the Lower Great Lakes today/tomorrow
- After lighter winds in the Southwest today/tomorrow, strong west to southwesterly winds return this weekend into Monday, with high-risk significant fire potential for southeast Arizona into southern New Mexico
- Widespread wetting precipitation for the northern half of the West this weekend, but amounts will mostly be on the lighter side except for portions of central Idaho, southern Montana, and northern Wyoming
- Breezy/dry easterly winds for the Alaska Interior today, with low RH below 30% continuing across the central and eastern Interior through Saturday

Long-term (Tuesday through next Saturday)

- A significant warming trend is likely in the West by late next week, with hot temperatures near or exceeding 100°F in the California Central Valley to the Southwest and southern Great Basin
- Isolated mixed/wet dry thunderstorms are possible near the Divide in the Southwest late next week, which could provide new ignitions if they occur
- Widespread precipitation is likely from the central Plains to the Ohio Valley and Northeast next week
- Precipitation for the Upper Great Lakes next week is more uncertain and depending on the track of the storm, with a 60% chance of this area receiving little to no precipitation



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Concerns for ERCs in the western Great Lakes area.

FL will see some relief, delayed rainy season with persisting large fire potential.

West Texas will be at 97% burning index within the next couple of days.

SA will see continued potential in FL, TX, and potentially OK.

SW projections show a continued increase in significant fire potential.

Central CA saw a 650-acre grass fire.

Projected ERCs will continue to elevate to above normal conditions across many areas of the country.



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Resource Update (Megan Kephart)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		17	
SCOOPER		6	
AIR ATTACK		9	
LEAD ASM		6	
SEAT	38	43	
HELO TYPE1	8	71	
HELO TYPE2	2	51	
HELO TYPE3	19	31	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	2	10	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	27	16	
CREW TYPE 2IA	4	36	
CREW TYPE 2	8	514	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)		5	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)		4	
RAPPELERS			
CATERERS	1	10	
SHOWERS	1	51	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	4
TANKER	2
HELO	
AIR ATTACK	
IR	2
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	5
OVERHEAD	14
PENDING	10 aircraft, 1 OH, 1 engine



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

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

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: NTR
- Southern Area: Coordinating Group meeting today.

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: Supporting other GAs with resources, IHCs available in GACC.

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Jeff Walther incoming Branch Chief, starting to approve details for key positions, government purchase cards being turned back on for emergency needs.
- Eastern Area: Coordinating Group meeting this morning, working on selecting chair. Several retirement announcements will impact EA CIMT moving forward.
- Southwest: Keeping up with resource needs.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: MN appreciates support and aviation assets.
- Rocky Mountain: Exporting resources to other GAs.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS:
- NOPs: CA virtual CIMT meetings yesterday went well. Increasing IA, continuing to export resources to SW, updating Cal MAC guide.
- SOPs: Increasing IA.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Operating on severity in several GAs.
- NW: Minimal fire activity, supporting other GAs, crews continue to come online, minimal aircraft capability.

International

Canada at national PL2.

Administration

PL – 2

GACC Priority: NTR

Resource Allocation: NTR



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Admin Topics

IMRR Update

NMAC drafting letter for basic IMRR call expectations.

Action items that impact the broader community should be reviewed by NMAC.

IMRR IC call has been removed and updated to an ICAC IC call.

Facilitators will guide call topics with NMAC-designated sideboards.

Revisit in exec.

IBC Update

Group came up with three options.

Option 1 – FS and DOI will complete their own warranted work and have an interagency BUYT solely for micro-purchasing managed through GACCs and situated to handle individual or multiple fires as needed.

Option 2 – Combine all FS and DOI forces, creating a smaller workload for each individual but could cause interagency issues.

Option 3 – FS and DOI will complete agency-separated warranted work but may help each other if the tasks become overwhelming. Onsite purchasing groups would remain interagency.

Multi-jurisdictionally, BUYT would be able to assist states but unsure if warranted work would be supported, that portion would fall to the states.

Option 1 is supported by IBC.

Recommend a list of items not allowed to be purchased to streamline the process.

DOI working to create a process similar to FS AIMS.

Memo – NMAC supports IBCs decision for option 1 and separating warranted work between FS and DOI with interagency micro-purchasing BUYT.

IBC will draft a process for NMAC review next week.

Crew Coordinator Update

Intent to create parameters within which to manage crews while meeting NMAC's leader's intent.

Recommendation to reduce the need to discuss individual crew allocations, making most decisions in the NICC.

Data will include a real-time allocation line to track crew commitment percentages.

Utilizing a set of data parameters will streamline the process and create decision-making efficiencies.

NMAC can allocate crews and make alternate decisions at any time.

Jeremy will create a scenario showing how this data set can be utilized.

IHC Status Page

Intent is for IHCs to report their location and mission in real-time daily.

IHC Steering Committee created Google Form to replace the NICC page.

IHC Steering Committee leadership will communicate intent with IHC community.

Revisit to discuss utilization.

Military Use Handbook Update

Updating the 2021 handbook, incorporating 2024 AAR information and lessons learned.

Intended to be broad overview for utilizing military resources deployed.

Including appendices to link current documents for ease of utilization.

NICC will complete final review for edit starting next week.

Anticipating June 16 presentation to NMAC for final review and approval.



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Incident Complexity Evaluation

Included in IWDG program of work presented last June to NWCG, NMAC, and FMB.

Task team being led by NIMSIC representative working with FEMA and others on update.

IWDG

ICAC and CGAC both selecting representative replacements.

