

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

3833 South Development Avenue; Boise, ID 83705

NMAC NOTES

May 29, 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
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Administration	Sean Peterson	Information
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CIMT Allocation Discussions	Jesse Bender	Discussion
T3 IMT Configuration Standards	Brian Achziger	Discussion
International – CIFFC	Sean Peterson	Discussion
Executive Session	NMAC Representatives	Discussion

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair: Chuck Russell	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Coordinator:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS/AK/SA: Shane McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS/EA/SW: Russ Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFA/FEMA/NR: Aitor Bidaburu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM/GB: Brian Achziger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF/RM: Greg Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS/CA: Chuck Russell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA/NW: Josh Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NICC: Sean Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weather: Jim Wallmann
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuels: Steve Larrabee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Affairs: Marshall Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/> USFS Aviation:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM Aviation: Matt Shaddle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DoD: Martha Wilkins	<input type="checkbox"/> Airspace:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crews: Jeremy Sullens	<input type="checkbox"/> Smokejumpers:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intel: Scott Mayer
<input type="checkbox"/> OWF: Jessica Gardetto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note-taker: Nicki Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/> BAER: Lou Ballard

Additional Attendees: Shane Santos, Jesse Bender, Beale Monday, Russ Babiak, Jeff Walther, Maegan Maughan, Mike Mattfeldt, Ryan Sundberg, Julie Bennett, Jeff Worthley, Ellen Johnson, Mike Rubenstein, Heather Robbins, Yvonne Morales, Julie Polutnik

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 2 June 2025, 1000-1200



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IMSR Update (Sean Peterson)

PL2, 759 new fires, 11 uncontained large fires, 1 CIMT committed, 1 NIMO team, 44 crews, 134 engines, 29 helicopters, 2,400 personnel assigned.

Northwest: PL1, several extended attack fires in WA.

Butte Creek – Minimal behavior, light fuels, structures threatened, 1,775 acres, 40% contained.

South Ops: PL2, moderate IA, 19 new starts, 1 uncontained large fire.

Inn – BLM, brush and timber, minimal behavior, 730 acres, 82% contained.

Great Basin: PL1

Twin Butte – Active behavior, grass, 2,400 acres, 100% contained.

Southern Area: PL1, light IA, 2 uncontained large fires.

Wood – DoD, moderate behavior, timber, precipitation, no issues or concerns, 1,200 acres, 80% contained.

North Bear Bay Road – FL state, no issues or concerns.

Eastern Area: PL2, light IA, 3 uncontained large fires, 1 NIMO team.

Jenkins Creek – NIMO Team 1, managing Horse River, minimal behavior, brush and timber, 16,000 acres, 95% contained.

Horse River – Minimal behavior, brush and timber, precipitation yesterday, 12 acres, 0% contained.

Camp House – MN DNR, minimal behavior, brush and timber, structures lost, 12,000 acres, 98% contained.

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

Cody – SW Team 4 TOC local unit tomorrow, light fuels, minimal behavior, 1,200 acres, 90% contained.

Paradise – NM, timber and grass, moderate behavior, residences threatened, 730 acres, 12% contained.

Camp – Light fuels, minimal behavior, light fuels, 875 acres, 75% contained.



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Predictive Services Update

Weather Summary (Jim Wallmann)

WEATHER SUMMARY

Short-term (through Monday)

- Well above normal temperatures in the West through Saturday, with hot temperatures 15-25°F above normal Friday and Saturday and possible record highs for May
- Isolated mixed wet/dry thunderstorms in the Southwest through Saturday to increase initial attack with moderate significant fire potential
- Breezy/dry westerly winds in the Cascade Gaps into the Columbia Basin today and Saturday for moderate significant fire potential
- Relief for the Southwest, eastern Great Basin, and central Rockies Sunday into Monday due to widespread showers and thunderstorms bringing wetting rain
- Little precipitation for the northwestern US, however, with dry north winds possible in northern California
- Continued dry in the Upper Midwest with breezy northwest winds today and tomorrow and moderate significant fire potential

Long-term (Tuesday through next Saturday)

- Cooler next week in the West, but dry conditions will return by late next week with lowering RH
- Fire potential will be highest in northern California and Columbia Basin, while potential will remain low in the Greater Four Corners through next week due to the precipitation
- Relief due to widespread wetting rain for the Upper Midwest mid-next week before drier conditions return next weekend



Fuels Summary (Steve Larrabee)

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory issued 5/23 for Southeast Arizona.

Above 97th percentile for ERCs in portions of the Southwest.

Expected fire danger improvement in Great Lakes region.

Northwest will begin to see ERCs above normal with the high heat.



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Resource Update (Sean Peterson)

RESOURCE TYPE	# COMMITTED	# AVAILABLE	# OFF
LAT		18	
VLAT		2	
SCOOPER		6	
AIR ATTACK	17	27	
LEAD ASM		10	
SEAT	42	49	
HELO TYPE1	21	72	
HELO TYPE2	16	41	
HELO TYPE3	21	27	
LARGE TRANS			
CIMT	1	14	
CREW TYPE 1 (IHC)	21	31	
CREW TYPE 2IA	33	26	
CREW TYPE 2	17	hundreds	
SMOKEJUMPERS (LOWER 48)	35	84	
SMOKEJUMPERS (AK)	7	35	
RAPPELERS		28	
CATERERS	2	9	
SHOWERS	2	58	

UTF TYPE	# Resource UTF
AIRCRAFT	8
TANKER	1
HELO	2
AIR ATTACK	1
IR	4
UAS	
SCOOPER	
LEAD/ASM	
CREWS	
ENGINES	1
OVERHEAD	21
PENDING	overhead

19 aircraft, 10 crews, 47 equipment, 578 overhead assigned to RX



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Agency Business and Geographic Area (GA) Update

Brian Achziger (BLM and Great Basin)

- BLM: NTR
- Great Basin: NTR

Shane McDonald (FWS, Alaska, and Southern Area)

- FWS: NTR
- Alaska: Sent airtanker to Canada.
- Southern Area: NTR

Aitor Bidaburu (USFA and Northern Rockies)

- USFA: NTR
- Northern Rockies: NTR

Russ Long (USFS, Eastern Area and Southwest)

- FS: Pause in RX activity across regions, monitoring retardant bases for debris. Working on grants and agreements for Fire Guard. FS Chief's Letter distributed last week.
- Eastern Area: Green up and persistent fires, working through Horse River incident.
- Southwest: No big needs, touch and go fire held on Coronado with aircraft.

Greg Smith (NASF and Rocky Mountain)

- NASF: 2 airtankers from AK sent to Saskatchewan.
- Rocky Mountain: Minimal activity, no needs.

Chuck Russell (NPS and California)

- NPS:
- NOPs: Hot, dry weather, beginning to preposition resources. Will have night capable helicopter. Smokejumpers will be running dash 8 platform out of Redding.
- SOPs: Releasing resources from Inn incident.

Josh Simmons (BIA and Northwest)

- BIA: Assessing DRP personnel.
- NW: 77 fires for over 2,600 acres, anticipating increase in activity, 6 IHCs available. WA DNR brought on two contract EU LATs, T2 rappel ship on June 1.



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Admin Topics

Interagency Procurement Memorandum

Warranted work will be separated by state, DOI, and FS.

Personal items, capped inventory, pre-orders, and items that can be purchased at the home unit will all be limited.

Will work through GACC BUYT Coordinators.

Self-sufficiency will be critical for the first 48 hours.

DOI work flow chart will be included with memo.

NMAC memo will include FS-specific flow information as well.

Concern with specific "Do not buy" list, some flexibility will be added for times when items are required.

Ensure teams are arriving to incident fully prepared.

Julie and Shane will modify the attachment.

DOI tracker will be live June 1.

Team site link will be added to the memo.

Local unit micro-purchasing teams capabilities will overlap with those of the DOI procurement team to ensure all incidents are covered.

Review memo for final edits.

2025 Initial Attack Surge Capacity

Memo will be issued from NMAC, Fire Directors will utilize it to brief agencies.

Add expectation that resources may be asked to rotate crews under Utilization Guidelines.

Consider decision points for where resources will be moved from.

Review Texas task force SOPs.

Review and post Monday, June 2.

CIMT Allocations Discussions

CIMT request rationale required at PL 4 and 5, to be completed by GACC.

Form is required for any extension at any PL.

Review draft bullets for CIMT NMAC talking points.

Revisit June 9.

T3 IMT Configuration Standards

Recommend Finance Unit Leader and Logistics Unit Leader positions be discretionary rather than required.

Request PIO be trainee acceptable.

Discuss with other GAs with T3 IMTs.

Revisit June 9.

International - CIFFC

Work will need to be completed for international resources coming to the US later in the year.

Gordy will create a formalized plan in writing for incoming resources.

PL4, anticipating PL5 tomorrow.

Largest fire over 500,000 acres.

CIFFC planning RFA to US and AFAC.

Request includes overhead, crews, and equipment.

Saskatchewan: 6 DIVS, 4 OPSC



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Manitoba: 10 T1 crews, 1 HELCO, 3 SOF, 1 Resource Unit Leader, 3 ICCI, 4 OPSC, 3 PSC, 3 LSC, 6 DIVS, and equipment/supplies.

Resources sent to Canada would be available for US mobilization by July 1.

Approve 5 T1 crews, overhead, and some equipment.

Sean will share official RFA with NMAC for final approval.

