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REF: New Emergency Manager and PIO

The Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to introduce Jim Spratlen as the new Emergency Manager of Montezuma County. Jim is a long-time resident of Colorado and comes from an extensive background in law enforcement, fire, and incident management. "Mr. Spratlen has the experience and knowledge to step in and begin helping right where we're at and will be a great asset to our response to the COVID emergency," says Shak Powers, county administrator. As Emergency Manager, Mr. Spratlen will also be responsible for the county Emergency Operations plan, a multi-year county-wide training and exercise program, the county hazard mitigation plan, and the annual emergency management budget, and other emergency programs within the county.

The Board of County Commissioners also made the decision to contract with a Public Information Officer (PIO) to help put out consistent and accurate messaging during this uncertain period. Vicki Shaffer will be working with all county departments to ensure that the public is receiving complete and accurate information in a timely manner.