

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management Situation Report



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CURRENT DECLARATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Health disaster emergency declarations:

- Ute Mountain Ute are currently in a health disaster declaration. No restrictions at this time.

Drought disaster emergency declarations:

- BOCC allowed the Drought Disaster declaration for the County to expire on February 4, 2023. We will monitor the situation throughout the year.
- On 5/28/21 Dolores County declared a drought disaster and it is still in effect.
- On 5/26/21 Ute Mountain Ute Tribe declared a drought disaster and it is still in effect.

Fire restrictions:

- No fire restrictions in the County or in the SW. NPS always in Stage 1

Fire Situation report

- No wildland fires of significance in Montezuma County. Controlled burns still ongoing.

EOC/DOC ACTIVATIONS

EOC/DOC: None

COUNTY LIFE LINES

Meaning of key Lifeline colors:

Green stabilization;

Yellow solution ID and plan of action in progress;

Red services disrupted.

*All Lifelines are **Green***



Safety and Security – Green

- Law Enforcement: Normal Operations
- Search and Rescue: Normal Operations
- Fire Services: Normal Operations.
- Community Safety: Normal Operations.



Food, Water and Shelter - Green

- **Food:**

- Food: Normal Operations.
 - Senior Center open Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri, and in Mancos on Mon, Wed, and Fri, and Dolores open on Mon and Wed.
 - Meals on wheels delivered 18 meals.
- Agriculture: Normal Operations.
 - HPAI – Still showing up in Colorado, nothing detected in Montezuma County at this time.

- **Water:**

- McPhee Reservoir active capacity topped at 105,949 acre/ft. on 5/30/22. On 02/9/23 the capacity was at 35,591 acre/ft.
- Groundhog main gate repair project is finished. Not being filled at this time.
- As of 2/9/2023 Jackson Gulch Reservoir was at 55% capacity, 5,522 acre/ft. Mancos Rural Water is taking water out of the reservoir average about 14 Acre/feet per month. Mesa Verde pulling water from the river. 1 mil gal raw water storage tank is full. Town of Mancos is pulling water from the river.
- NWS update: We have a good start on slowing the drought down this summer. Starting to look like normal weather patterns for the year. Monsoons are expected a little late in June but are still forecasted. NM is still at a higher risk.

- **Shelter:**
 - Shelter: Normal Operations



Health and Medical - Green

- **Health:**
 - Medical Care: Normal Operations.
 - PASO/SW They have been very active in 9 counties that they serve. Home care and Hospice operations. Their web site has a calendar of events they are involved in.
 - Patient Movement: Normal Operations.
 - Public Health: Normal Operations
 - Over the past month, the Montezuma County Health Department has vaccinated a total of 43 community members during weekly clinics.
 - The WIC program has handed out 40 food boxes and 120 boxes of diapers.
 - The dental program continues to see community members for routine cleanings and other dental work.
 - The Environmental Health program continues to work to improve food safety and environmental health for the entire community.
 - The other programs administered by the Health Department (Communities that Care, Suicide Prevention, Options for Long Term Care, among others) continue to do amazing work, strengthening community partnerships, and promoting prevention.
 - Fatality Management: Normal Operations.
 - Medical Supply Chain: Normal Operations.
 - Air Quality: Currently Satisfactory
- **Medical:**
 - Hospital: Normal Operations.

- EMS: Normal Operations.



Energy, Power and Fuel – Green

- Power (Grid): Normal Operations.
- Fuel: Normal Operations.
- Natural Gas: Normal Operations.
- Propane: Normal Operations.
- CO2: Normal Operations.



Communications – Green

- Alerts, Warnings, and Messages: Normal Operations
 - Nixle messages being sent out on weather alerts and incidents.
 - IPAWS was successfully tested on 2/3/23.
- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.

- Responder Communications: Normal Operations.
 - Stakeholder meetings continue monthly with all the partners in Montezuma County for information sharing.
- Finance Services: Normal Operations.
- Public Information: Normal Operations.
 - PIO has stayed busy with BOCC agendas each week. The PIO has assisted county, municipal, and private agencies to promote messaging. Working on messaging with the Health Department to update their website. Posting on social media weather, road conditions, and related information. Also working with Social Services to get word out about the end of emergency allotments for SNAP benefit recipients.
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- Infrastructure: Normal Operations.



Transportation - Green

- Transit: Normal operations.
 - MOCO – 660 rides were given, mostly medical and supply runs.
 - CDOT - Engineering projects are on winter shut down, Maintenance will be crack sealing on Hwy's 145, 184, & 160. Snow removal will be prioritized during above normal precipitation events, mainly focusing on Hwy's 160 & 491, along with Hwy 145 between Cortez and Dolores.
- Railway: None
- Aviation: Normal operations.
- Maritime: Normal operations.
- Airport: Normal operations.



Hazardous Materials - Green

- Facilities: Normal Operations.
- Hazmat, Pollutants, and Contaminants: Normal Operations.
 - Pipeline Class by DOT is scheduled to be held May 6, 2023 for 8 hours at the Dolores Fire Protection District.



STATE LIFE LINES

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Status Level 2

The SEOC at Level 2. SEOC continues to support of the following: public health support, Suncor support, HPAI, working statewide to support migrants from southwest border.

SEOC is operational Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI): SEOC Activation

The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) and USDA are coordinating the state response to HPAI cases in the state. Use the CDA website and map below for resources and information updates. A situation report will be posted on the CDA HPAI webpage each Friday.



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Office of Emergency Management Budget:

Community Intervention Program (CIP)

- No Jan report at this time. The CIP team completed numerous warm-handoffs of clients to community-based services. As of December 22, 2022, the team has completed 425 contacts. 167 of those were calls through 911, and the remainder were follow-up activities. 280 of those contacts resulted in community resourcing action, education, and rapport building.
- Both contractors will be submitting new 2023 contracts to the BOCC for approval in the coming weeks.
- Researching the purchase of a 4-wheel drive van for operations through the Grant.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP):

- Numerous stakeholders were involved on the final review. Natural Resources took the lead on this project and developed the entire document. We received final approval signatures and the BOCC signed it on 12/20/22.

COOP Plans:

- Still working on the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). COOP check lists were sent to all departments for review and impute.
- Generators are being sought through HMGP and a commitment letter was authorized by the BOCC to proceed in the grant process for 4 generators for the county over 3 years. Grant was submitted on 11/29/22. State submitted it to FEMA on 12/23/22. Waiting on FEMA final approval.

Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management (DHSEM):

- Meetings with regional EMs and DHSEM Field Manager were held in the last 30 days.
- UT/CO conference calls continue to discuss emergency management topics.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):

- EMPG funding is \$50,790 and was approved for 2022.
 - Submitted 1st Qtr. report on 4/13/22 for reimbursement of \$12,726.56
 - Submitted 2nd Qtr. report on 7/15/22 for reimbursement of \$10,318.45.
 - Submitted 3rd Qtr. revised report on 11/10/22 for reimbursement of \$10,331.33
 - Submitted 4th Qtr. report on 1/12/23 for reimbursement of \$13,191.65
 - Total of \$46,567.99
 - 2022 Grant Award Letter was received 9/30/22. This will now begin the reimbursement process for the 2022 requests above.
 - On 01/04/23 **we received \$23,015.95** for the first and second quarters of 2022.
 - 2023 EMPG grant has been submitted and is being reviewed by DHSEM. The funding request is \$51,311.50 which is 50% of the OEM Budget for 2023.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP):

- Evaluated EOP with the CPG 101 Tool for compliance for 2023. EOP overall scored 100% compliant and 97.06% compliant on critical scoring. We will be updating the EOP in 2023 and adding annexes.
- Debris Management Plan Final Draft completed and will be presented to the BOCC in the near future for approval.

Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP):

- Contacted all municipalities and county departments and discussed HMP mitigation efforts. All has been documented and sent to all entities. Final updates are still coming in for 2022
- Working on grant funding for some mitigation projects;
 - Town of Dolores generator and siren project is approved. The Town is moving forward with their equipment purchases. Contract is complete with FEMA and they are working on the RFP, and developing an IGA with the Dolores Fire Protection District.
 - Town of Mancos, Mancos Rural Water and Mesa Verde NP are collaborating on a Source Water Protection Plan. Federal and State approval was received, and a grant award of \$5,000 was issued to Mancos Rural Water. This is a development and implementation grant for source water protection planning given by Colorado Water Quality Control Division. They are implementing this project.

- County generators.
 - Submitted for the HMGP grant for the 4 remaining generators needed for County buildings. Coroners Building, Annex 1, Annex 3, and the Fairgrounds.
 - HMGP grant that will pay 90% of the generators needed for the county that were listed in the HMP. Grant was submitted 11/28/22 and is under Federal review.

Fire Mitigation

- The Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) application by SW CO Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative (SWCO RMRI) was approved for \$1,000,000 to mitigate lands on private and federal focusing on Jackson Gulch and Summit Lake areas. Mancos Conservation District will manage the grant.
- Researching the community wildfire defense grant, up to \$10,000,000, for implementation to help at-risk local communities and Tribes plan and reduce the risk against wildfire. The Act prioritizes at-risk communities in an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, and/or have been impacted by a severe disaster. The new 2023 NOFO is expected later this year.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (From LEPC Chair):

- The Propane Emergency Response Kit has been purchased with the remaining grant dollars from the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and WAS expected to arrive near the end of January 2023. The delivery of the kit has been delayed due to supply chain issues for some of the parts. Upon receipt, our first responders will have the capability to mitigate propane leaks, offload containers and flare residual amounts. Plans are to have other Montezuma County first responders receive the propane training prior to the summer. More to come once the kit has been received.
- March 1, 2023 is the deadline for industry to provide their Tier II Reports which provide hazardous materials they have on site. This is an annual report which the facilities realize. The Extremely Hazardous Materials (EHS) facilities will be contacted in the next few months to begin tours which consist of a review of first responder response, facility safety procedures and practices, hazards (chemical, mechanical, etc.) that first responders may encounter, contact information, etc. Once completed, information is provided to the Emergency Manager and first responders in the form of a “Hazard / Risk Assessment” that prepares and assists them in the event of a spill or leak incident. The majority of the sites in Montezuma County consist of cell phone facilities and industry that uses electric tow motors and store (or sell) batteries. Some of these locations may not be aware that they need to provide a Tier II Report. This will be addressed moving forward.

Memo of Understanding (MOU):

- EM in discussion for IGA from school districts for transportation assistance in an emergency.
- RE-1 will present an existing MOU for reunification site to the BOCC for renewal TBD.

Resources:

- All EM equipment was inventoried last on 02/03/23. All equipment was serviced and checked.
- We continued to issue PPE to all first responders, health care, nursing facilities, schools and County departments as needed using Public Health supplies.

Sawmills and Wood Products:

- No current update.

Southwest All Hazards Advisory Council (SWAHAC):

- Work continues on the 2020, 2021, and 2022 grants.
- Region beginning on projects requested for 2023-2024 grant cycle.

Southwest Incident Management Team (SWIMT):

Team members attended Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) conference in February. Our PIO was one of those members chosen as a lead PIO to train other PIO trainees.

Southwest Regional Communications Committee (SWRCC):

- Working with providers to help solve communication issues in the county. Committee Meeting was held on 01/19/23.

Training and Exercise Plan (TEP) and Intergraded Preparedness Plan (IPP):

- A new 3 year TEP IPP for the County has been developed and submitted for 2023 - 2025.
- IPP training sessions performed in January. On-going process to prepare an IPP for the county and the SW Region.

Training/Drills:

- Preparing for a reunification drill with RE-1 and law enforcement. TBD.
- Preparing training for the AWR-148 School Based Incidents being held March 3, 2023 at RE-1 High School.
- EM and PIO attended the COEM conference in February for training and updates in Emergency Management.

- Training and Exercise Plan (TEP) has been developed for the county for 2023 – 2025. Gaps for the Intergraded Preparedness Plan (IPP) have been identified and will be preparing an IPP in January and February for the County.
- Public Information Officer (PIO) training is set to begin May 23-25, 2023 L-105 Class and is being held in the County EOC.
- EM set up the Pipeline Class by DOT which is scheduled to be held May 6, 2023 for 8 hours at the Dolores Fire Protection District.
- EM will be teaching a USDA O-0305 Incident Management Team class for the Colorado Wildfire Incident Management Academy (CWFIMA) in February.
- EM will be holding an ICS 300 and 400 class in Farmington on March 13-16, 2023 for the region.
- EM attended the Consolidated Communications Network of Colorado (CCNC) tech ops and board meeting 02/03/23. EM is the Chair of the Training Committee and has been meeting monthly with a training team. Last attended was 2/17/23.
- EM was certified as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Manager by the state on 10/14/2022. Just received certificate good for 5 years.
- EM received his recertification for IC Type 3 AH and LSC Type 3 AH for 5 more years.