

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management  
**April 2024**  
Monthly Situation Report



Small fire country setting

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**REPORT DATE / TIME:** 05/1/24 11:00 MST

**EOC/DOC ACTIVATIONS**

**County EOC:**

- EOC currently not activated. EOC was activated 4/05/24 for the Cottonwood Fire for 26 hours
- All Lifelines are at "Green" Status. WebEOC reporting monthly.

**Disaster Emergency Declarations:**

- On 5/26/21 Ute Mountain Ute Tribe declared a drought disaster and it is still in effect.

**Fire Situation:**

- No fire restrictions in Montezuma County
- On 4-5-24 at approx. 14:55 hours a wildland fire ignited south of Rd 38.1 and Rd 37 (-108.35107875, 37.58973056) in Montezuma County. No injuries and no property damage reported. Ownership is confirmed on Private and USFS lands. Acreage - 118

## COUNTY LIFE LINES

### *Meaning of key Lifeline colors:*

- Green** stabilization;
- Yellow** solution ID and plan of action in progress;
- Red** services disrupted.

### **Safety and Security – Green**

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

### **Food, Water and Shelter – Green**

- Food: Normal Operations.
- Agriculture: Normal Operations.
- Water: Normal Operations
- Shelter: Normal Operations

### **Health and Medical - Green**

- Medical Care: Normal Operations.
- Patient Movement: Normal Operations.
- Public Health: Normal Operations
- 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.
- C02: Normal Operations.

### **Communications – Green**

- Alerts, Warnings, and Messages: Normal Operations
  - IPAWS tested on 4/2/24.
- Everbridge system is up and running. **The old Nixle system was deactivated April 19, 2024.**
- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.
- Responder Communications: Normal Operations.

- Finance Services: Normal Operations.
- Public Information: Normal Operations.
- Infrastructure: Normal Operations.

### **Transportation- Green**

- Transit: Normal operations.
- Railway: None
- Aviation: Normal operations.
- Maritime: Normal operations.
- Airport: Normal operations.

### **Hazardous Materials - Green**

- Facilities: Normal Operations.
- Hazmat, Pollutants, and Contaminants: Normal Operations.



## **STATE LIFE LINES**

### **State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Status Level 3**

SEOC continues to support of the following: Southwest Border Migrant Sheltering

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

#### **Migrant Support**

Information links for Denver area migrant support.

- [Migrant Support in Denver Overview Webpage](#)
- [Denver Dashboard for Migrant Support](#)
- [Donations Information for Denver Migrant Support](#)



## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

- Secured funding for 3-year program for the CERT training program and equipment.
- Planning meetings were held in April by the CERT Administration Team.
- We will have a public information event at the Fairgrounds on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to kick off the program. We will then select students, and schedule training nights for an 8-week program, one 3-hr night per week.

### **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):**

- 2023 EMPG Grant was officially awarded 9/14/23 for \$51,312.
- 2023 reimbursement - \$23,457.34 and \$23,286.66. Total of \$46,744
- 2024 EMPG Grant was submitted for \$55,390 on 01/12/24 for approval.
- 2024 EMPG Grant 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. submitted for \$21,438.84 for approval.

### **Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)**

- EM beginning the 3-year revision plan of the previous Oct 2021 Plan. This will be a 10-month process with numerous stakeholder meetings for the federal mandatory update. Completion date estimated December 2024.
- EM completed the EOP Evaluation Tool and submitted the results to the state.

### **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):**

- County generators grant project approved.
  - Total Project Cost is \$170,486.40, with the FEMA Federal Share amount of \$154,249.60. Here is the breakdown:
  - \$146,131.20 (Federal Share)
  - \$8,118.40 (Subrecipient Management Costs (SRMC) at 100% Federal Share)
  - \$16,236.80 (Local Share)
  - Final approval was given on 12/12/23. Final grant agreements were signed by the BOCC 02/27/24. We began the procurement process in April.

- The County will begin the process to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) beginning in October of 2024 with a completion date of December 2025. This occurs every 5 years. The Grant Notice of Intent (NOI) was submitted for \$50,000 for a planning grant.
- Assisted Natural Resources/Weed Department in mapping fuels in Yellow Jacket on 4/30/24.
- Updating mitigation report for 2023 and 2024.

### **Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP)**

- The 3-year plan for 2025-2027 for the County was finalized and submitted to the state and stakeholders on 4/16/24.

### **Local Emergency Planning Committee (From LEPC Chair):**

- The Tier II Reports are arriving for the 2024 (2023 quantities) year. Industry's deadline to submit the reports was March 1st, but it's never too late to submit!
- The LEPC, EM and Fire District will visit these facilities during the second and third quarter of 2024 to gather information for the Emergency Action Plan generation.
- Tier II Reports will continuously be sent out by the State as they are submitted.

### **LOR Foundation:**

- EM received for a grant of \$9,830 to assist the CERT Program in equipment needs. This has no match and no cost to the County. All this funding was spent for the equipment needed for the program.

### **Memo of Understanding (MOU):**

- Omnibus agreement (MOU) for the County and Municipalities was signed by the County, Cortez, Dolores, and Mancos. Filed on 4/16/24

### **Public Information Coordinator (PIO):**

- JIC meeting in April covered alert & warning, incident templates. Next meeting June 27.
- Continuing to assist the public in getting signed up for Everbridge.
- Working on plans to make County Facebook pages comply with digital accessibility guidelines.
- Assisted EM and County Admin with administrative duties and trainings.

### **Southwest Regional Communications Committee (SWRCC):**

- SW Regional Tactical Interoperability Communications (TIC) Plan was revised by the EM from the 2019 Version 7 plan to the new 2024 Version 8 plan based

on the November 2023 exercise and all the After-Action Reviews (AAR). It was distributed to stakeholders and the State.

- EM is the Chairperson of the Consolidated Communications Network of Colorado (CCNC) Training committee. A new training web site was developed by the Committee and it went live this month. More details and documents will be reviewed by the Committee and they will be placed on the web page in the coming months. We are trying to make it a one-stop-shop for education and training for communication needs in the state.  
<https://ccncinc.org/education-and-training-copy-2-copy-2/>

### **Southwest All Hazards Advisory Council (SWAHAC):**

- Community Preparedness & Resilience Grant was approved for the Montezuma/Dolores County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for \$14,000 for supplies (manuals, printing, instructors, training, etc.) This project will develop a program to train volunteers from Montezuma and Dolores Counties. Approximately 20 volunteers are anticipated to participate in the first session. The project will support planning and training costs for the three 8-week sessions.
- The multi-purpose training/COOP/EOC facility project received \$25,000 funding for an upgrade to the Fairgrounds upper meeting rooms. An additional funding of \$4,919.89 was awarded to the EM to supplement the project.
- Communication tower sites request was approved for security fence, video surveillance, physical access control, and security gates for radio tower sites. The award was for \$54,000. We held a planning meeting and set priorities. First site visit is in May.
- NOTE: These all have no match and no cost to the County and the funding does not go through the County finance.

### **Training/Drills:**

- EM and PIO attended 3ea – 5-hour sessions on FEMA Alert and Warning workshops.
- EM presented an overview of emergency management to Pueblo Community College 4/14/24
- EM and PIO attended the Large Animal Evacuation/Sheltering Tabletop planning meetings this month. Preparing for June 3<sup>rd</sup> regional tabletop exercise in Montezuma County.

### **2024 Current Stats Report**

- Total calls assigned – 11
- Total declarations County wide – 0

- Total fire bans - 0
- Total deployments for EM and PIO – 0
- Total EOC activations – 1
- Total Alert and Warnings/Weather sent out – 252
- Total SAR missions - 4
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 0
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 1
  
- Total training held – 9
- Total EOC trainings held - 2
- Total exercises/tabletops – 4
- Total training certificates received – 2
  
- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 156
- Total Committees / Boards representing - 26
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total plans/policies written – 3
  
- Total grants involved in – 11
- Noted Achievements –
  - Total grant funding acquired and/or requested \$582,532.49 – 1 from LOR, 5 from SWAHAC, 1 from EMPG, 2 from FEMA, 2 from Congress.

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