

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management
May 2024
Monthly Situation Report



Wildland Fire

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EOC/DOC ACTIVATIONS

County EOC:

- EOC currently not activated.
- All Lifelines are at "Green" Status. WebEOC reporting monthly.

Disaster Emergency Declarations:

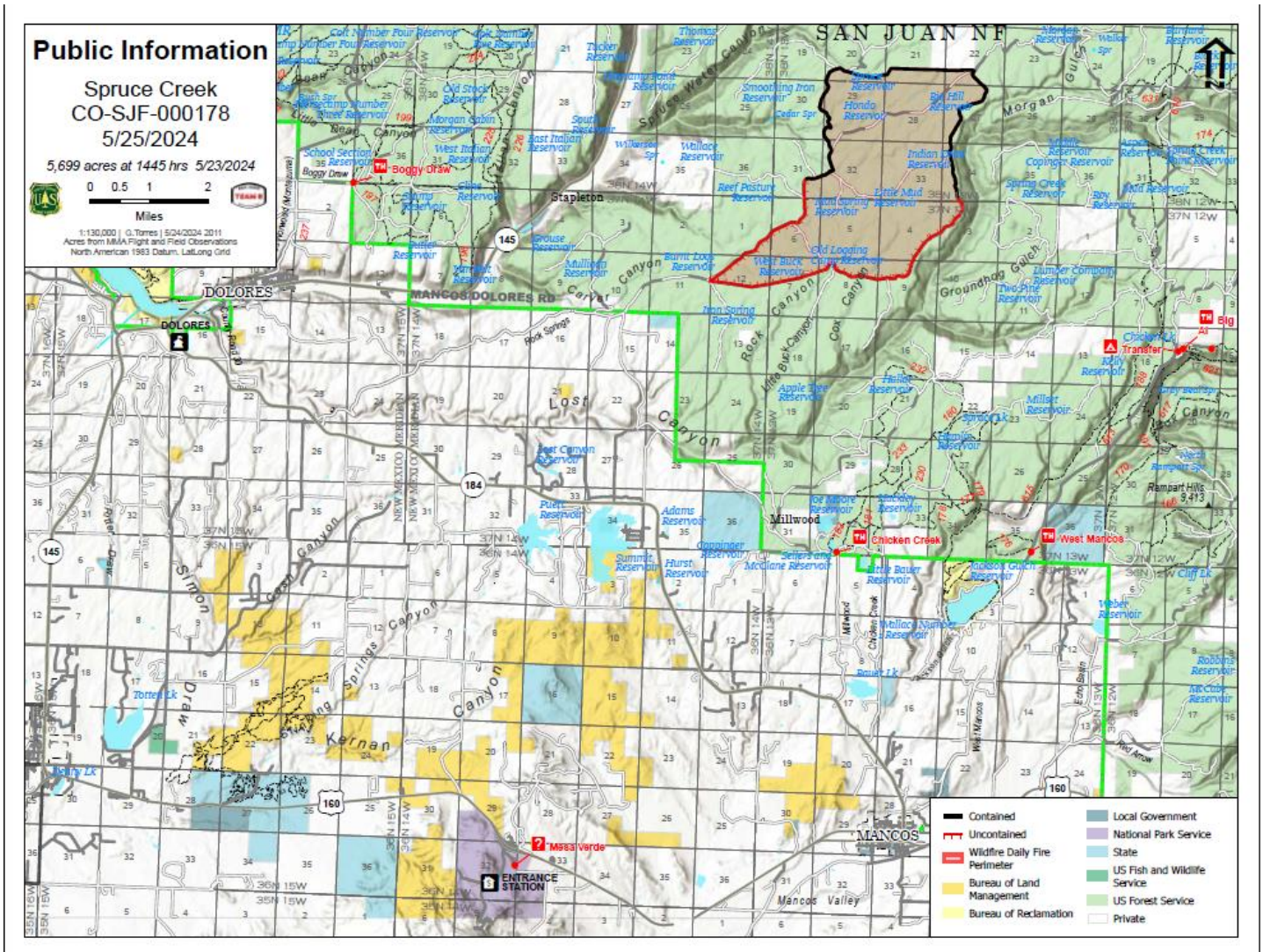
- On 5/26/21 Ute Mountain Ute Tribe declared a drought disaster and it is still in effect.

Fire Situation:

- No fire restrictions in Montezuma County
- Spruce Creek Fire (Haycamp) as of 5/29/24 was at 5699 acres at 100% contained. It started on 5/15/24 by lightning ignition on Haycamp Mesa just

south of the Main Rd 556. The ignition was in a Prescribed Burn Unit planned for burning that next week. The perfect conditions allowed the Incident Team to indirectly suppress the fire, which, as I understand it, means they are allowing it to burn within desired burn areas as long as conditions allow and containment options are accessible.

- Crews will continue their patrols and extinguish any hot spots that could potentially threaten the firelines.
- Interior pockets of unburned fuel, such as pine needles, Gambel oak and dead and downed trees, are expected to continue to smolder and burn.
- A dozer and a grader have been brought up to repair roads impacted by firefighting operations.
- Smoke may be visible in the area and it may settle into valleys and other low-lying areas, especially at night and in the early morning hours. Wildfire smoke may affect your health. For more information, please go to: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>



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.
- CO2: Normal Operations.

Communications – Green

- Alerts, Warnings, and Messages: Normal Operations
 - IPAWS tested on 6/4/24.
- 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 2

- SEOC continues to support of the following: U.S. 50 Blue Mesa Reservoir Middle Bridge Closure.
- SEOC is operational Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

U.S. 50 Blue Mesa Reservoir Middle Bridge Closure

- Information links for the bridge closure. Lt. Governor Primavera [verbally declared a disaster emergency](#) on April 23, 2024 to support the event.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

- Fairgrounds COOP is in the final draft under review.
- Landfill COOP is in the final draft and under review.
- Annex 3 COOP will begin as soon as the others are finalized.

Communications

- Inspection of the Dolores Tower site 5/10/24 for infrastructure upgrades.
- County project to reprogram all 800MHz radios in the Montezuma County, Dolores County and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe began 4/1/24. With grant funding assistance and the Technical Communications Advisory Committee, and approval from all agencies, we have started programming County radios for 4 agencies and will continue this process until finished. Radios being touched are about 960. This project should be completed by 9/1/24, depending on the deployments of personnel during the fire season.
- EM submitted grant funding for a mobile StarLink for response to areas where there is no communication service.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- We will have a public information event at the Fairgrounds on June 13th 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):

- 2024 EMPG Grant was submitted for \$55,390 on 01/12/24 and is approved.
- 2024 EMPG Grant 1st Qtr. submitted for \$21,438.84 for approval.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

- EM beginning the 3-year revision plan of the previous Oct 2021 EOP. This will be a 10-month process. Completion date estimated December 2024.
- EM completed the EOP Evaluation Tool at 94% compliant. It was submitted to the state for review.

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. Final grant agreements were signed by the BOCC 02/27/24. We began the procurement process in April and will continue in securing contractors. End date on the grant is 2/01/27.
- 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.

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):

- We have received a few late Tier II submittals for facilities who have not reported in the past. Those which have Extremely Hazardous Materials (EHS) on-site will be toured and documented in this year's Emergency Action Plan (EAP).
- EHS facility tours will begin in late summer and early fall for the generation of this year's EAP.
- Tier II submittals will continuously be sent out by the State, as they are submitted.

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.
- PIO is currently on a deployment for the U.S. 50 Blue Mesa Reservoir Middle Bridge Closure to assist Gunnison County.

Southwest All Hazards Advisory Council (SWAHAC):

- EM received funding for a power generator for \$2,650.
- EM submitted a grant for a StarLink mobile system and service.

Training/Drills:

- EM attended the Montezuma County Fire Chief's Association meeting on 5/1/24.
- EM held a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Class refresher and functional drill for the Administration 5/3/24.
- EOC/ESF training performed on 5/8/24 was a functional drill on the 38.1 Fire call on HWY 145.
- EM attended Kinder Morgan Safety Meeting on 5/23/24 and presented on Emergency Management procedures.
- EM held the Regional Large Animal Evacuation Table Top exercise 6/3/24 with 37 participants from multiple disciplines.
- EM working with SWColorado Healthcare Coalition on a Tabletop exercise for 6/25/24 for the County and the EOC/ESF Staff training.
- EM will be hosting the CCNC State meeting/training at the EOC on 6/7/24.

2024 Current Stats Report

- Total calls assigned – 16
- Total declarations County wide – 0
- Total fire bans - 0
- Total deployments for EM and PIO – 1
- Total EOC activations – 1
- Total Alert and Warnings/Weather sent out – 74 (Corrected)
- Total SAR missions - 5
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 0
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 1

- Total training held – 9
- Total EOC trainings held - 3
- Total exercises/tabletops – 10
- 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 – 6
- Total grants involved in – 8

END OF REPORT