

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management

August 2024

Monthly Situation Report

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People in a Classroom

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
- Ute Mountain Ute is in Stage one fire restrictions

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 7/1/24
- 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.
 - An Oil/Fuel truck rolled on its side at approx. 37,100 US HWY 160 on 6/25/24. 500 Gallons of Tar/Water based spilled on the roadway closing the road for 2 hours. Product was cleaned and the spill was reported to the state.
 - C02 tanker with 37,000 gallons of product rolled on its side at approx. 18,500 Blk of Rd G on 7/15/24 closing the road for 7 hours. No leaks of product.



STATE LIFE LINES

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Status Level 3

SEOC continues to support of the following: U.S. 50 Blue Mesa Reservoir Bridge Closure, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Weld County and supports wildfire recovery efforts statewide.

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

Ouray County Storms and Landslide Incident

On Friday, August 23, 2024, Governor Polis approved a [verbal declaration of disaster emergency for flooding and debris flows for Ouray County](#). This declaration activates the State Emergency Operations Plan and directs the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to take all necessary and appropriate state actions to assist the affected jurisdictions with their response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. DHSEM

West Area Field Manager is providing direct support and technical assistance to the county along with support from the DHSEM State Recovery Section Team.

On August 14, 2024 Ouray County declared an local emergency disaster due to the impacts of severe storms and moisture that caused flooding and damage to roads and critical infrastructure.

- [Ouray County Community Resources Webpage](#)
- [Ouray County Emergency Declaration](#)

U.S. 50 Blue Mesa Reservoir Middle Bridge Closure

Information links for the bridge closure.

- [Colorado Department of Transportation](#)
 - Call the project information line at 970-648-4423
 - Email the project team at: us50bridge@gmail.com
 - Fact Sheets: [County 26 Local Access \(English\)](#), [Ruta de acceso local en la County Road 26 \(Español\)](#)
 - CDOT Announces US 50 Blue Mesa Bridge Repair Plan, May 23, 2024

- [Gunnison County](#)

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

The Governor of Colorado verbally declared a disaster emergency on July 5, 2024. This declaration activates the State Emergency Operations Plan and directs the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to take all necessary and appropriate State actions to assist the affected jurisdictions with their response, recovery, and mitigation efforts.

Information for HPAI Updates

- [Colorado Department of Agriculture Website](#)
- [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Webpage](#)

Current Wildland Fire Information

The current focus for DHSEM is recovery efforts following the July wildfires. The State Recovery Task Force, led by DHSEM, met on August 8, 2024 to initiate the state response.

[Colorado DFPC Wildland Fire Status Dashboard](#)



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

- Annex 3 COOP planning meetings have begun. Election planning is in progress.

Communications

- Inspection of the Dolores Tower site 5/10/24 for infrastructure upgrades. Documents have been submitted to the state and USDA-FS for approval.
- 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 7 agencies and will continue this process until finished. Radios being touched are about 960. This project should be completed by 12/1/24, 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)

- 9-week program, one 3-hr night per week. We have a solid 21 students attending. We are on week 5.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):

- 2024 EMPG Grant was submitted for \$55,390 on 01/12/24 and was approved.
- 2024 EMPG Grant 1st Qtr. submitted for \$21,438.84 and was approved. We received \$10,719.42 on 7/09/24
- 2024 EMPG Grant 2nd Qtr. submitted for \$29,566.40 in July and has been approval.
- State officials with DHSEM Office of Grants performed a site visit to Cortez. They reviewed the 2023 EMPG and 2023 HMGP grant funding documents on 8/27/24. This was a 6-hour process reviewing documents and interviews. They will send a report in the next two months summarizing their visit.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

- EM beginning the 3-year revision plan of the previous Oct 2021 EOP. This will be an all year process, completion date estimated December 2024.
- EM completed the EOP Evaluation Tool at 94% compliant. It was submitted to the state for review. EM and DHSEM reviewed the information needed to be placed in the EOP.

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. We have completed the equipment bid process and have ordered the equipment. We have received several installation bids and will open the sealed bids on 9/10/24. End date on the grant is 2/01/27.
- The County has begun the process to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to submit 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. Based on current needs, this amount will increase to \$66,060.

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):

- EHS facility tours will begin in the fall for the generation of this year's EAP.

Public Information Coordinator (PIO):

- No JIC meeting held in August. Next meeting will be 9/26/24.
- Continuing to assist the public in getting signed up for Everbridge.
- Working on plans to make County Facebook pages comply with digital accessibility guidelines. We have consolidated all County Facebook pages into one- Montezuma County Colorado page to make it easier to comply with new guidelines. The PIO now posts for all County departments except the Sheriff's Office.
- Assisted EM and County Admin with administrative duties and trainings.

Southwest All Hazards Advisory Council (SWAHAC):

- EM submitted the 2024-2025 grant for:
 - A StarLink mobile communication system and service,

- Antennas and radio base station for EOC.
- ICS Training supplies for the ICS Training Team.

Training/Drills:

- EM completed the ICS 906 training on “Workplace Security Awareness” on 8/1/24.
- EM attended the SW Colorado CHEMPAK workshop on 8/5/24.
- EM attended the Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) conference in Denver on 8/21/22
- EM attended the Human Trafficking Workshop at Circle K on 8/24/24.
- EM attended the Cortez school’s active shooter exercise on 8/26/24.

2024 Current Stats Report

- Total calls assigned – 26
- Total declarations County wide – 0
- Total fire bans - 0
- Total deployments for EM and PIO – 2
- Total EOC activations – 1
- Total Alert and Warnings/Weather sent out – 110
- Total SAR missions - 8
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 0
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 2

- Total training held – 18
- Total EOC trainings held - 5
- Total exercises/tabletops – 14
- Total training certificates received – 6

- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 264
- Total Committees / Boards representing - 27
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total plans/policies written – 6
- Total grants involved in – 16

END OF REPORT