

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

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Highline canal with rocks

**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

## 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.
  - Highline Ditch had severe flooding September 14-15 due to heavy rain storms on Mesa Verde which flowed large amounts of water that collected debris that flowed across and into the Ditch. MVI began immediate debris management operations in the area. All water will be shut off on October 15, 2024.
- 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
- 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: U.S. 50 Blue Mesa Reservoir Bridge Closure and EMAC deployments to support locations impacted by Hurricane Helene. SEOC is operational Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Hurricane Helene EMAC Deployment**

Friday, September 27, 2024 Update

- Additional resource requests are being finalized through EMAC, including:
  - 5 Member Colorado IMT to North Carolina
  - 2 VALs for Tennessee
- The seven people deployed on Sept. 25 are supporting Florida.

On Wednesday, September 25, 2024 an [Emergency Management Assistance Compact \(EMAC\)](#) request from the State of Florida was filled with 7 members from the Colorado Incident Management Team. The team deployed six people to the Columbia County Emergency Operations Center in Lake City, Florida for a 14-day assignment ahead of Hurricane Helene. In addition to the Colorado IMT team deployed, DHSEM's Incident Management Unit Supervisor deployed to the Florida State Emergency Operations Center to assist in coordinating all of the IMTs assigned through EMAC for the hurricane. The members assigned to Columbia County EOC are filling the following positions:

- 2 EOC Managers
- 1 Operations Section Chief
- 1 Logistics Section Chief
- 1 Safety Officer
- 1 Planning Section Chief



## ***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 submitted to the state and USDA-FS are approved. Moving forward on acquiring information on the build out needed.
- 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. Current radios being

touched are about 500. This project should be completed by 12/1/24, depending on the final results on radios, make and models and costs.

- EM submitted grant funding for a mobile Star Link 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 21 students attending. All Units have been completed. Final test and graduation on 10/3/24.

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

- 2024 EMPG Grant was submitted for \$55,390 on 01/12/24 and was approved.
- 2024 EMPG Grant 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. submitted for \$21,438.84 and was approved. We received \$10,719.42 on 7/09/24
- 2024 EMPG Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. submitted for \$29,566.40 and was approved. We received \$14,783.20 on 9/16/24.

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

- EM continues with the 3-year revision plan of the previous Oct 2021 EOP. This will continue this year, completion date estimated December 31st, 2024.
- EOP Planning Committee have been meeting and working on the upgrade.
- EOP **must** be completed and approved by the BOCC before December 31<sup>st</sup> or we will not be eligible for the EMPG grant for 2025.

### **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. Generators were ordered. We completed the installation bid process and a vendor was chosen. End date on the grant is 2/01/27.
- The County has begun the process to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Documents can be submitted 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 with BOCC approval.

### **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):**

- Continuing to assist the public in getting signed up for Everbridge.
- Assisted County Admin with administrative duties.

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

- EM submitted the 2024-2025 grant for approval:
  - A StarLink mobile communication system and service.
- EM has approved grants for:
  - Antennas and radio base station for EOC.
  - ICS Training supplies for the ICS Training Team.
  - Communication Towers Infrastructure.
  - EOC electronics.
  - Radio re-programing

### **Training/Drills:**

- IPAWS Training 9/4/24
- Hospital Drill on 9/10/24 at the MOB on HAZMAT contamination.
- Dam tabletop exercise on 9/12/24 on a Dam failure
- RE-1 School exercise on 9/13/24 on Evacuation and reunification.
- WMD Training 9/25/24
- FEMA National Resilience Guidance Overview Webinar on 9/26/24
- EM will be instructing ICS 300 and 400 on 10/1 – 10/4 for the region.

### **2024 Current Stats Report**

- Total calls assigned – 30
- Total declarations County wide – 0
- Total fire bans - 0
- Total deployments for EM Staff – 3
- Total EOC activations – 1
- Total Alert and Warnings/Weather sent out – 127
- Total SAR missions - 12
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 0
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 2
  
- Total training held – 25
- Total EOC trainings held - 6
- Total exercises/tabletops – 16
- Total training certificates received – 7

- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 309
- Total Committees / Boards representing - 27
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total plans/policies written – 6
- Total grants involved in – 16

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