

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management
October 2024
Monthly Situation Report



Plane on 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

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.
 - MVI water was 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.
 - Power outage on 10/29/24 for 2 hours East Cortez affecting about 2,623 residents.
- Fuel: Normal Operations.
- Natural Gas: Normal Operations.
- Propane: Normal Operations.
- C02: Normal Operations.

Communications – Green

- Alerts, Warnings, and Messages: Normal Operations
 - 28 notifications went out this month
- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.
- Responder Communications: Normal Operations.
- Finance Services: Normal Operations.

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

Transportation- Green

- Transit: Normal operations.
 - Road closures: HWY184-1ea, HWY491-1ea, and HWY160-1ea all due to traffic accidents.
- Railway: None.
- Aviation: Normal operations.
- Maritime: Normal operations.
- Airport: Normal operations.
 - Single engine plane crash on 09/29/24 caused the runway to be closed for 2 hours

Hazardous Materials - Green

- Facilities: Normal Operations.
- Hazmat, Pollutants, and Contaminants: Normal Operations.
 - Diesel Fuel spill, 10/23/24 HWY 160 25-30 gal, due to traffic accident



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.

U.S. 50 Blue Mesa Reservoir Middle Bridge Closure

Colorado Department of Transportation

Call the project information line at 970-648-4423

Email the project team at: us50bridge@gmail.com

CDOT Announces US 50 Blue Mesa Bridge Repair Plan, May 23, 2024



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

- Annex 3 COOP planning meetings have begun. Election planning completed.

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 that need to be touched are about 560. Request for Quotes were sent out and by Nov 5, 2024 we will have those results to choose from. This project should be completed by 01/15/25, depending on the scheduling, weather, and availability of equipment.
- EM submitted grant funding for a mobile Star Link for response to areas where there is no communication service.
- Secure Rural Schools Program funding for \$43,636.49 was approved by the BOCC for Emergency Management Communication Equipment. Repeater, radios and chargers. Public notice for 45 days was completed and the Secure Rural Schools Program Manager and Board was notified. We will wait on submission for the certificate due in February 2025 and then will begin the purchasing procedure.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- Members are attending various trainings/exercises in Dolores/Montezuma County. Disaster Exercise is planed in November.

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 and was approved. We received \$14,783.20 on 9/16/24.
- 2024 EMPG Grant 3rd Qtr. submitted for \$23,577.98 and is pending approval.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

- EM and Public Health EM continues with the 3-year revision plan of the previous Oct 2021 EOP. This will continue this year, completion date estimated December 12th, 2024.
- EOP Planning Committee have been meeting and working on the update, reviewing the EOP Draft with all Department Heard and community stakeholders.
- EOP **must** be completed and approved by the BOCC before December 31st 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 for the grant before March 25, 2025. This occurs every 5 years. Requests for proposals are being developed to get an accurate cost to hire a contractor through the Grant. Waiting on the State for approval. Once a cost is determined, the final documents for the grant submission will be sent in for 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 Star Link 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:

- EM instructed ICS 300 and 400 on 10/1 – 10/4 for the region. 29 students attended.
- EM attended MGT-341 10/9-10/24 Disaster Preparedness
- EM attended TLO training on Elections 10/16/24
- EM attended AI in Emergency Management Training on 10/17/24
- EM preparing for a full-scale exercise on a Dam Failure 11/1-3/24
- EM preparing for the SW Regional TIC Plan exercise 11/13/24
- EM preparing to assist Pleasant View Fire on a functional exercise 11/17/24.

2024 Current Stats Report

- Total calls assigned – 32
- Total declarations County wide – 0
- Total fire bans - 0
- Total deployments for EM Staff – 4
- Total EOC activations – 1
- Total Alert and Warnings/Weather sent out – 155
- Total SAR missions - 12
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 0
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 2
- Total trainings held – 29
- Total EOC trainings held - 6
- Total exercises/tabletops – 17
- Total training certificates received – 8

- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 349

- Total Committees / Boards representing - 27
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total plans/policies written – 7
- Total grants involved in – 16

END OF REPORT