

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management

March 2025

Monthly Situation Report



Incident Command Vehicle

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COUNTY LIFE LINES

Meaning of key Lifeline colors:

Green stabilization;

Yellow solution ID and plan of action in progress;

Red services disrupted.

EOC/DOC ACTIVATIONS

County EOC:

- EOC was 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.

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
 - 15 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 due to traffic accidents. ST. HWY 491 was closed on 2 occasions. ST. HWY 160 was closed on 1 occasion. CR Rd L was closed on 1 occasion.
- 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 is operational Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lifelines all **Green**



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA)

- The 2022 CEPA was completed and is required to be updated every 3 years. This year we are in the process of updating the CEPA for 2025. Planning meetings with the State, EM and stakeholders have been held and future meetings are scheduled.

Community Animal Response Team (CART)

- CSU, Public Health and the EM continue developing a CART for Dolores/Montezuma Counties. Planning team has a draft procedure. Public presentation will be April 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Annex 1.
- A grant application submitted for a \$5,000 to assist in the safety equipment that will be issued to team members.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- Members are attending various trainings/exercises in Dolores/Montezuma County.
- March 13th CERT team training was held on Sheltering at the Fairgrounds.

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

- COOP for the Administration Building was completed. Final draft sent to the building department heads for final review.

Communications

- Inspection of the Dolores Tower site was on 5/10/24 for infrastructure upgrades. Documents submitted to USDA-FS are approved. Homeland Security Grant approval obtained. Moving forward with the project in the Spring.
- County planning project to reprogram all 800MHz radios in the Montezuma County, Dolores County and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe began 4/1/24. Vendor was selected. Working on logistics. This project should be completed by 04/30/25, depending on the scheduling, weather, and availability of equipment.

- Secure Rural Schools Program funding for \$43,636.49 was approved by the BOCC for Emergency Management Communication Equipment. We have ordered the equipment and it should be delivered by late April 2025.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):

- 2024 EMPG Grant 4th Qtr. submitted for \$29,518.50 and was reimbursed in February.
- 2025 EMPG Grant application was submitted for \$57,103. Waiting on Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to come out from FEMA for the grant in 2025.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

- EM and Public Health EM completed the 3-year revision plan of the previous Oct 2021 EOP. Completed and approved by the BOCC December 10th, 2024. Ongoing updates will continue as needed for the next 3 years.

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. End date on the grant is 2/01/27.
 - Reimbursement requests for \$125,060.62 have been submitted, State and Federal approved was completed.
 - This Quarter we submitted \$31,937.03 in reimbursement requests.
 - Total funds received to date \$91,465.55.
- The County has begun the process to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This process occurs every 5 years. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) came out and all final application paperwork has been submitted.

Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP)

- The 3-year plan for 2026-2028 for the County was finalized and submitted to stakeholders for final review.
- SW Regional meeting was held to finalize the Regional IPP for 2026-2027.
- SW Incident Management Team IPP is also updating 2026 - 2027.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (From LEPC Chair):

- EHS facility tours will begin in a few months for the generation of this year's EAP.
- EHS facilities updated.
- Regional and Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting were held.

Public Information Coordinator (PIO):

- Continuing to assist the public in getting signed up for Everbridge Alert and Warnings.

- Assisted County Admin with administrative duties.

Southwest All Hazards Advisory Council (SWAHAC):

- EM has been approved for no-match grants. These grants do not pass through the County for financial support or approval. They are an outside fiscal agent.
- Status on the projects are:
 - A Star Link mobile communication system and service – in progress.
 - Antennas and radio base station for EOC - in progress.
 - Communication Towers Infrastructure - in progress.
 - Alternate EOC electronics - in progress.
 - Radio re-programing – in progress
 - CERT training and equipment – in progress
 - SW Regional Exercise – in progress

Training/Drills:

- EM instructed 3 sessions of Alert and Warning training for dispatchers.
- EM attended Wildfire Tabletop Exercise with DFPC, local, state and federal partners on 3/13/25
- EM attended training and instructed USFA O-305 All Hazards Incident Management Teams Course for 5 days in Prescott, AZ at the Arizona Wildfire Incident Management Academy on 3/16 – 3/20.

2025 Stats Report

- Total calls assigned – 18
- Total declarations County wide – 0
- Total fire bans - 0
- Total deployments for EM Staff – 0
- Total EOC activations – 0
- Total Alert and Warnings/Weather sent out – 37
- Total SAR missions - 2
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 0
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 2
- Total trainings held – 8
- Total EOC trainings held - 2
- Total exercises/tabletops – 2
- Total training certificates received – 5
- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 123
- Total Committees / Boards representing - 27
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total plans/policies written – 2

- Total grants involved in – 15
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