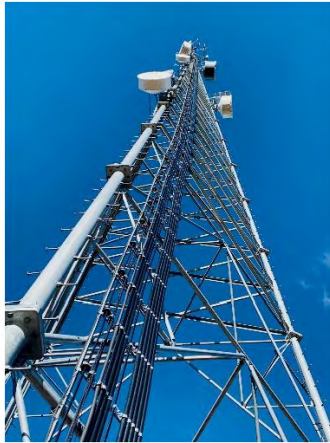


Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management

April 2025

Monthly Situation Report



Communication Tower

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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. Web EOC 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.

- UMUT will be entering a Fire Ban on Friday May 2nd
- Prescribed burn occurred on 4/29/25 - Boggy Draw area off FS road 532 (Cottonwood Road) – 1,264 acres.

Safety and Security – Green

- Law Enforcement: Normal Operations.
- Search and Rescue: Normal Operations.
- Fire Services: Normal Operations.
 - House fire on Ash St on 4/01/25
 - Business fire 125 E. Main St. on 4/17/25
- 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
 - 24 notifications went out this month
- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.
- Responder Communications: Normal Operations.
 - Recon Goodman Point Communication towers 4/22/25
- Finance Services: Normal Operations.
- Public Information: Normal Operations.
- Infrastructure: Normal Operations.

Transportation- Green

- Transit: Normal operations.
 - Road closures. 4/17/5 - Main St. from Washington to Market due to structure fire.
- Railway: None.
- Aviation: Normal operations.
- Maritime: Normal operations.
- Airport: Normal operations.

Hazardous Materials - Green

- Facilities: Normal Operations.
- Hazmat, Pollutants, and Contaminants: Normal Operations.
 - 4/18/25 - Report of sewer smell water into MVI ditch at McElmo Creek.
 - 4/6/25 – Report of burning trash causing black smoke into the neighborhood L.5 Road and HWY 491.



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. The final stakeholder meeting will be at the EOC on May 28th to finalize the 2025 CEPA.

Community Animal Response Team (CART)

- Continue planning and meetings for the CART for Dolores/Montezuma Counties. Draft procedure completed. The public presentation was on April 22, 2025, and we had 24 interested people. The next CART meeting will be at the EOC at 6:00 PM on May 15th.
- Funding CART by LOR for \$5,000 was secured to assist in the safety equipment that will be issued to team members.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- Members are attending various training/exercises in Dolores/Montezuma County.
- April 10th CERT team training was held on Salamander IDs, Radio traffic, and Evacuation.

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

- COOP for the Annex 1 is in progress.

Communications

- The 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 Summer if DHS funding is available.

- The county planning project to reprogram all 800MHz radios in Montezuma County, Dolores County and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe began 4/1/24. This project should be completed by 05/30/25, depending on the logistics, 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 July.
- EM went on a site survey to Goodman Point gathering tower site information.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):

- 2025 EMPG Grant application was submitted for \$57,103. Waiting on Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to come out from FEMA for the current grant in 2025.
- 1st Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$21,000.12.

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. The end date on the grant is 2/01/27.
 - Reimbursement requests for \$112,579.85 have been received.
 - Reimbursements we submitted this year for \$45,829.82 under review.
- The EM has begun the process to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) for the County. This process occurs every 5 years. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding was cancelled. We will be seeking other grant opportunities to continue the planning process.

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 updated to 2026 – 2027 final draft.

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 meetings were held.

Public Information Officer (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 – on hold.
 - Antennas and radio base station for EOC - on hold.
 - Communication Towers Infrastructure - on hold.
 - Alternate EOC electronics - on hold.
 - Radio re-programing – in progress
 - CERT training and equipment – on hold.
 - SW Regional Exercise – on hold.

Training/Drills:

- EM and PIO attended Salamander Training April 3, 2025
- EM instructed ICS 300 and 400 training for the region April 7-10, 2025
- EM attended P.A.C.E training April 16, 2025
- EM attended TLO training on Whole State updates on April 16, 2025
- EM attended Space Weather Training on April 24, 2025
- EM attended MMA Virtual Fly training on April 29, 2025
- EM attended Decision Making Concepts for UAS Pilots Course April 29, 2025

2025 Stats Report

- Total calls assigned – 21
- Total declarations County wide – 0
- Total fire bans - 0
- Total deployments for EM Staff – 0
- Total EOC activations – 0
- Total Alert and Warnings and Weather Alerts sent out – 492
- Total SAR missions - 5
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 0
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 2
- Total trainings held – 14
- Total EOC training held - 2
- Total exercises/tabletops – 2
- Total training certificates received – 9
- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 154

- Total Committees / Boards representing - 28
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total plans/policies written – 3
- Total grants involved in – 15

END OF REPORT