

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management

June 2025

Monthly Situation Report



Brush Fire

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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 were 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.
- On 6/2/25 Governor Polis designated Montezuma County as a primary disaster area due to recent drought.

Fire Situation:

- Few single tree lightning strikes during the month, no sizable acreage.

- Seeking Fire ban for Montezuma County starting July 1st
- UMUT has a Stage 1 Fire Ban in place May 2nd
- Federal agencies will also go to Stage 1 fire restrictions July 1st

Safety and Security – Green

- Law Enforcement: Normal Operations.
- Search and Rescue: Normal Operations.
- Fire Services: Normal Operations.
 - 06/27/25 two house fires at the 1400 Blk of S. Chestnut St.
- 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
- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.
- Responder Communications: Normal Operations.
- Finance Services: Normal Operations.
- Public Information: Normal Operations.
- Infrastructure: Normal Operations.

Transportation- Green

- Transit: Normal operations.
 - State HWY Road closures – 6/11/25 491/160 MM 23.5 Traffic accident, 6/19/25 US 160 MM 43 east of the Fairgrounds Traffic accident, and 6/25/25 Hwy 145 at MM33 Traffic accident.
- Railway: None.
- Aviation: Normal operations.
- Maritime: Normal operations.
- Airport: Normal operations.

Hazardous Materials - Green

- Facilities: Normal Operations.
- Hazmat, Pollutants, and Contaminants: Normal Operations.
 - Messer Plant had a small release of anhydrous ammonia inside the factory. It was quickly contained, and one employee was treated for exposure. CDPHE was notified.



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 CEPA for 2025 is completed.

Community Animal Response Team (CART)

- Monthly meetings and training are being held. On June 19th training was on basic ICS.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- Monthly meetings and training are being held. June 12th training on Fire refresher and 4th of July preparation.

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

- COOP for the Annex 1 and Coroner's office completed.

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 July 30th, 2025.
- 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 will be delivered July 13th.

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.
- 2nd Qtr. work plan submitted.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):

- County generators grant has 98% of the project completed. 3rd Qtr. work plan and reimbursements submitted. Final completion estimated August 30th for close out.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan planning grant will be submitted mid-August to the National Disaster Mitigation Enterprise for funding.

Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP)

- Completed.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (From LEPC Chair):

- EHS facility tour was conducted at the Messer Plant on G Road on June 17th. Other facilities will be scheduled in the next few months.
- 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.
- Updating Web site

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

Training/Drills:

- EM attended Basic Radio 101 training in La Plata County put on by the State.

2025 Stats Report

- Total calls assigned – 33
- Total declarations County wide – 0
- Total fire bans - 1
- Total deployments for EM Staff – 0
- Total EOC activations – 0
- Total Alert and Warnings and Weather Alerts sent out – 563
- Total SAR missions - 6
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 1
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 2
- Total trainings held – 16
- Total EOC training held - 3
- Total exercises/tabletops – 3
- Total training certificates received – 13
- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 242
- Total Committees / Boards representing - 28
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total plans/policies written – 10
- Total grants involved in – 15

END OF REPORT