

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management

May 2025

Monthly Situation Report



Tree Lightning Strike

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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.

Fire Situation:

- Few single tree lightning strikes during the month, no sizable acreage.
- No fire restrictions in Montezuma County.

- UMUT has a Stage 1 Fire Ban in place May 2nd
- Prescribed burn occurred on 5/27/25 - prescribed burn in the Hay Camp Mesa area west of FS road 556 and south of FS road 556.G, approximately 8 miles E/Northeast of Dolores 1657 acres

Safety and Security – Green

- Law Enforcement: Normal Operations.
- Search and Rescue: Normal Operations.
- Fire Services: Normal Operations.
 - 05/01/25 Chicken coop fire at 7990 Rd. 26.5, Cortez
- 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.
 - Road closures. 5/11/25 – 18,806 HWY 491 closed due to traffic accident.
 - 5/24/25 – Weeminuche Dr and HWY 160, Towaoc due to 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.



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. The CEPA for 2025 is completed. Final draft is out to stakeholders for review.

Community Animal Response Team (CART)

- Continue planning and meetings for the CART for Dolores/Montezuma Counties. Draft procedure completed. Monthly meetings and training are being scheduled. May 15th CART training at EOC was performed. Procedures, IDs, Waivers and Background checks.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- Members are attending various training/exercises in Dolores/Montezuma County.
- May 8th CERT training was held on wilderness search and rescue at Bradfield Campground.

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

- COOP for the Annex 1 final draft is out for stakeholder review and final signatures. COOP for the Coroner's office 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 June 30, 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 should be delivered by late June.

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.
 - Project is 95% completed.
- 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 the State.
- SW Incident Management Team IPP is also updated to 2025 – 2026 period and submitted to the State.

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.
- Basic PIO training was held on May 20, 21, 22 at the Dolores Fire Protection District main station.

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 attended training in Castle Rock for Radio Summit May 7,8, 2025
- EM held EOC Training on 5/14/25 on Debris Management
- EM attended TLO training on Fire Season on 5/21/25
- EM completed EMI FEMA training and received certificates on IS-10 Animals in Disasters, Awareness and Preparedness, IS-11 Animals in Disasters, Community Planning, and IS-111 Livestock in Disasters.

2025 Stats Report

- Total calls assigned – 26
- 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 – 517
- Total SAR missions - 6
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 0
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 2
- Total trainings held – 15
- Total EOC training held - 3
- Total exercises/tabletops – 3
- Total training certificates received – 13
- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 197
- Total Committees / Boards representing - 28
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total plans/policies written – 9
- Total grants involved in – 15

END OF REPORT