

# Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management

## July 2025

### Monthly Situation Report

#### *Brush Fire*

**REPORT SUBMITTED BY:** Jim Spratlen

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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 Stages:

- Fire ban for Montezuma County starting July 1<sup>st</sup>
- UMUT has a Stage 1 Fire Ban in place May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Federal agencies Stage 1 fire restrictions on July 1<sup>st</sup>
- All federal agencies will be going to Stage 2 August 8<sup>th</sup>

##### Fires:

- Walters Canyon Fire 175 acres Ute Mt. Ute – 0% contained.
- Cross Canyon 25 acres Pleasant View – 100% contained,

- Stoner Fire 0.25 Acres Dolores – 100% contained,
- Kernan Fire 3.3 miles WNW of Mancos, CO, 0.1 acres – 100% contained,
- West Mancos Fire 5.1 miles East of Mancos, CO, 1 acre – 100% contained,
- West Chaplin Fire 8.2 miles SW of Mesa Verde National Park, CO, 0.5 acres – 100% contained,
- Palace Fire 9.5 miles SSW of Mesa Verde National Park, CO, 0.1 acres – 100% contained,
- Soda Fire 12.6 miles SSW of Mesa Verde National Park, CO, 0.25 acres – 100% contained,
- Hawk Fire 8.0 miles South of Mesa Verde National Park, CO, 0.1 acres – 100% contained,

### **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

- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.
- Responder Communications: Normal Operations.
- Finance Services: Normal Operations.
- Public Information: Normal Operations.
- Infrastructure: Normal Operations.

### **Transportation- Green**

- Transit: Normal operations.
- 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 CEPA for 2025 is completed.

### **Community Animal Response Team (CART)**

- Monthly meetings and training are being held. On July 17<sup>th</sup> training was on basic animal shelter intakes.

### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

- Monthly meetings and training are being held. July 10th training on Evacuations and Salamander.

### **Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).**

- Begin working on COOP for Maintenance Building.

### **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 was completed in July.
- 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 was delivered.

### **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):**

- 2025 EMPG Grant application was submitted for \$57,103. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) came out for the grant in July.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$21,000.12.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$25,064.08

#### **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):**

- County generators grant has 98% of the project completed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. work plan and reimbursements submitted. Completion estimated August 30<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 – Completed.
  - Radio re-programing – Completed
  - 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:**

- EOC Training on Evacuations and EOP
- CART Training on animal sheltering intake
- CERT training on Evacuations and Salamander IDs

## **2025 Stats Report**

- Total calls assigned – 38
- 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 – 580
- Total SAR missions - 8
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 1
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 2
- Total trainings held – 18
- Total EOC training held - 5
- Total exercises/tabletops – 4
- Total training certificates received – 13
- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 284
- Total Committees / Boards representing - 28
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total plans/policies written – 11
- Total grants involved in – 16

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