

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management  
**September 2025**  
Monthly Situation Report



*Tornado*

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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 not activated this month.
- 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 was lifted on 9/24/25.
- No fire restrictions in the County

### **Fires:**

- Attached is the Rocky Mountain detailed report



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## **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. No reported incidents.



**STATE LIFE LINES**

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Status  
Response Level 3: SEOC activated with DHSEM staff.  
Recovery Level 2: State Recovery Task Force activated.  
Lifelines all **Green**



## ***EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT***

### **Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA)**

- The CEPA for 2025 is completed. Next one will be in 2028

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

- Monthly meetings and training are being held. September meeting was cancelled due to schedule issues.

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

- Monthly meetings and training are being held. September training was on patient surge exercise response at the hospital.

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

- All 7 COOPs completed for county buildings except one. Road and Bridge will begin there planning COOP once a new Director is appointed.

### **Communications**

- The inspection of the Dolores Tower site was on 5/10/24 for infrastructure upgrades. Documents submitted to USDA-FS are approved. Department of Homeland Security Grant approval obtained. Waiting on DHS 2023 funding to re-open to complete fencing upgrade.

- Grant submission for a new generator at the Dolores tower site through Homeland Security (SHSP) grant for \$30,800. Pending approval in November.
- Cameras installed at Dolores site for security purposes.
- Updated Everbridge groups and test messages sent.

#### **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. New funding for 9 months was \$48,181. Waiting on funding option for the 4<sup>th</sup> QTR to be announced.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$21,000.12.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. reimbursement was submitted for \$25,064.08
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. reimbursement is pending submission in October.

#### **Emergency Operations Center (EOC):**

- Upgraded to three refurbished EOC laptops for operations.
- Printer system is operable.
- Portable 800MHz radio system up and running for the primary EOC and Alternate EOCs
- Auxiliary Communications System (HAM Radio, computer and antenna) installed at the primary EOC and can use Winlink Global Radio Email system.

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

- County generators grant project completed. All final reimbursements submitted. Close out letter submitted. Estimated final amount for reimbursements will be \$154,249.60.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan planning grant was submitted 8/28/25 to the National Disaster Mitigation Enterprise for funding. Awards will be issued by November. Submission was \$121,138.

#### **Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP)**

- Completed. Updated plan will begin in May 2026.

#### **Local Emergency Planning Committee (From LEPC Chair):**

- Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings were held. Scheduling inspections of facilities for October.

### **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:
  - Antennas and radio base station for EOC – CANCELLED – No longer needed
  - Communication Towers Infrastructure - on hold waiting for the grant to re-open.
  - Alternate EOC electronics - on hold waiting for the grant to re-open.
  - CERT training and equipment – on hold waiting for the grant to re-open.
  - SW Regional Exercise – on hold waiting for the grant to re-open.

### **Training/Drills:**

- EM attended CERT Training on Patient Surge Exercise at Hospital 9/11/25
- EM attended a small portion of G-197 Access Functional Needs training 9/23/25
- EM attended a tabletop exercise with RE-1 on critical incidents on 9/23/25
- EM attended a hospital walk site drill with security on 9/25/25
- EM attended a tabletop exercise on a wildland fire with emergency managers on 9/30/25

### **2025 Stats Report**

- Total calls assigned – 45
- Total declarations County wide – 0
- Total fire bans - 1
- Total deployments for EM Staff – 0
- Total EOC activations – 1
- Total Alert and Warnings and Weather Alerts sent out – 630
- Total SAR missions - 8
- Total LEPC facilities inspected – 1
- Total Biomass facilities inspected - 3
- Total trainings held – 25
- Total EOC training held - 5

- Total exercises/tabletops – 7
- Total training certificates received – 15
- Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 366
- Total Committees / Boards representing - 26
- Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 1
- Total COOP Plans Completed - 5
- Total plans/policies written – 16
- Total grants involved in – 21

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