

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management
April 2026
Monthly Situation Report



Photo of brush mitigation

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Jim Spratlen

REPORT DATE / TIME: 05/01/26 0900 MST

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 this month.
- All Lifelines are at "Green" Status. Web EOC reporting monthly.

Disaster Emergency Declarations:

- None

Fire Ban Stages:

- None

Fires:

- None over 2 acres. Controlled burns in progress.

Safety and Security – Green

- Law Enforcement: Normal Operations.
- Search and Rescue: Normal Operations.
- Fire Services: Normal Operations.
 - 4/18/26 Structure fire residential on Madison
 - 4/28/26 Structure fire outbuilding on Madison
 - 4/30/26 Structure fire outbuilding on Cedar/7th
- Community Safety: Stabilized.

Food, Water and Shelter – Green

- Food: Normal Operations.
- Agriculture: Normal Operations.

- Water: Normal Operations.
 - Mancos waterline leak repair on 4/28/26 for a few hours.
- 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.
 - Two power outages in the Mancos/Dolores areas, approximately 800 residents each time out of power for few hours.
- Fuel: Normal Operations.
- Natural Gas: Normal Operations.
- Propane: Normal Operations.
- CO2: Normal Operations.

Communications - Green

- Alerts, Warnings, and Messages: Normal Operations
 - IPAWS monthly test 4/2/26
- 911 Dispatch: Normal Operations.
- Responder Communications: Normal Operations.
- Finance Services: Normal Operations.
- Public Information: Normal Operations.
- Infrastructure: Normal Operations.
 - Tower site backup generator out of service for repair. Two weeks until it is back online.

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. Two reports:
 - 4/23/26 brine water leak 33 barrels into soil due to pipeline leak. Vacuumed soil and removed.
 - 4/30/26 waterline revealed soil around it had a gasoline smell. Ongoing investigation.



STATE LIFELINES

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Status

Response Level 3: State EOC Activated with DHSEM Staff

Recovery Level 3: State Recovery Task Force Activated



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) Legislation Committee

- We have been reviewing several bills presented in state legislation. Current bills we are working on are:
 - HB 26-1252 Updates to State Emergency Response Departments & Divisions.
 - SB 26-049 NDME.

Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA)

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

Community Animal Response Team (CART) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- Trainings are on the Thursday of each month at 18:00 at various locations.
- This month the members had a meeting where we trained on human and animal stop the bleed.
- Total Exercises and Events Deployed:
 - Volunteer Expo
 - Red Cross Regional Shelter Exercise

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

- None planned

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 (no match) obtained approval. Had to wait on the grant funding to re-open. RFQ was sent out for the fencing project. One vendor was selected and we began the project on April 22, 2026. Project completed April 30, 2026.
- Grant submission for a new generator at the Dolores tower site through Homeland Security (SHSP) grant for \$30,800. Using a separate fiscal agent, not the county. We received the award and are waiting for final documents and approval from FEMA to begin the project. Project pending.
- SW Regional Infrastructure Group have been meeting for 14 months developing a strategic regional communications infrastructure plan to enhance the 800MHz system. The group is in the final stages of completion, listing the gaps in our areas with recommendations and costs. Once this is completed, we will seek funding from the State to ensure sustainability for the equipment, then we will seek funding from the federal government. Project in progress.
- EM has completed the SW Regional Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) Plan for 2026. Project completed.
- EM revising SW Communications MOU for 2026. Asking for regional assistance to complete MOUs for each agency. Project in progress.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):

- 2025-2026 EMPG Grant Submission: 9-month funding was submitted November 25, 2025, for the last Quarter of 2025 and two quarters for 2026. This funding is for \$48,181 and will end June 30, 2026. We received State approval to move forward.
 - 1st Qtr. 2025-2026 EMPG reimbursement October-December 2025 was submitted for \$28,111.48.
 - 2nd Qtr. 2025-2026 EMPG reimbursement January-March 2026 was submitted for \$25,078.46.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC):

- Checked all equipment.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):

- The EM and the State are still researching funding opportunities through other grants and agencies. Cost of the project is projected at \$121,138. Project in progress.

Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP)

- The 2026 - 2029 IPP/TEP is completed and submitted.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (From LEPC Chair):

- Regional and Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings were held this month.
- Inspections of facilities for 2026 completed: 0

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:
 - Communication Tower Infrastructure – \$21,040. RFQ fence and gate project completed. Project completed.
 - Alternate EOC electronics – \$29,269. Project will be completed May 8, 2026. Project in progress.
 - CERT training and equipment – \$7,570. Equipment is being purchased by coordinator. Project in progress.
 - SHSP Generator grant - \$30,800 approved by the State, waiting on final documentation and FEMA approval. Project on hold.

Training/Drills:

- EM attended the 2026 DHSEM NM Seminar 4/1/26.
- EM presented an overview of Emergency Management/Wildfire mitigation/evacuation for the public on 4/2/26.
- EM attended Regional Red Cross Shelter Exercise on 4/10/26.
- EM attended TLO Talk on one topic on 4/15/26.
- EM presented an overview of Emergency Management/Wildfire mitigation/evacuation for the public on 4/15/26.

- EM Attended Healthcare medical surge exercise on 4/17/26.
- EM instructed Active Threat class for PCC Law Enforcement Academy 4/29/26.
- EM presented an overview of Emergency Management for Nursing class at PCC on 4/30/26.

<i>2025 Stats Report</i>	<i>2026 Stats Report</i>
• Total calls assigned – 51	10
• Total declarations County wide – 1	0
• Total fire bans – 1	0
• Total deployments for EM Staff – 0	0
• Total EOC activations – 1	0
• Total Alert and Warnings sent out – 769	650
• Total SAR missions – 18	1
• Total LEPC facilities inspected – 6	0
• Total Biomass facilities inspected – 4	2
• Total trainings held – 36	28
• Total EOC training held – 6	2
• Total exercises/tabletops – 9	8
• Total training certificates received – 16	5
• Total planning/stakeholder meetings – 400	105
• Total Committees/Boards representing – 24	24
• Total MOU, IGA, MMAs completed – 4	1
• Total COOP Plans Completed – 7	1
• Total plans/policies written – 17	2
• Total grants involved in – 9	8

END OF REPORT