

Montezuma County Office of Emergency Management
May 2026
Monthly Situation Report

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

Disaster Emergency Declarations:

- None

Fire Ban Stages:

- Montezuma County: Fire Ban enacted May 28, 2026, by BOCC
- Town of Dolores: Burn ban in effect as of May 28, 2026
- Town of Mancos: No restrictions reported
- City of Cortez: Open fires by permit only
- Dolores County: Stage 1 Fire Ban enacted May 27, 2026, by BOCC
- Ute Mt. Ute: Stage 1 Fire Ban enacted May 22, 2026, by Council
- BLM: Stage 1 Fire Ban enacted May 29, 2026
- USFS: Stage 1 Fire Ban enacted May 22, 2026
- National Parks Service: No restrictions

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.
- Community Safety: Stabilized.

Food, Water and Shelter – Green

- Food: Normal Operations.
- Agriculture: Normal Operations.
- Water: Normal Operations.
 - City of Cortez potable water line break 5/27/26 on Park Ave.
- 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.
- CO2: Normal Operations.

Communications – Green

- Alerts, Warnings, and Messages: Normal Operations
 - IPAWS monthly test 5/1/26
- 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. Two reports:
 - 05/02/26 gasoline spill at HWY 184 and Hwy 491 with 1698 gallons. An environmental company is cleaning up the spill.
 - 05/28/26 brine water leak at a facility 7.2 barrels into soil due to pipeline leak. Vacuumed soil and removed.



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.

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 sheltering people and animals.
- Total Exercises and Events Deployed:
 - Volunteer Expo
 - Red Cross Regional Shelter Exercise

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

- None planned

Communications

- 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 revising SW Communications MOU for 2026. Asking for regional assistance to complete MOUs for each agency. Project completed.

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:
 - Alternate EOC electronics – \$29,269. Project will be completed May 8, 2026. Project in completed.
 - 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 Radio Summit and presented on Daily Communications and SME Panel discussion on 5/6 and 5/7/26.
- EM presented an overview of Emergency Management in Active Threat, Hazmat, and Recovery for the public on 5/20/26.
- EM attended TLO Talk on one topic on 5/20/26
- EM Attended School Response Plan (SRP) and reunification Train the Trainer Class in Durango 5/28/26.

2025 Stats Report

2026 Stats Report

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| • Total calls assigned – 51 | 12 |
| • Total declarations County wide – 1 | 0 |
| • Total fire bans – 1 | 1 |
| • Total deployments for EM Staff – 0 | 0 |
| • Total EOC activations – 1 | 0 |
| • Total Alert and Warnings sent out – 769 | 756 |
| • Total SAR missions – 18 | 1 |
| • Total LEPC facilities inspected – 6 | 0 |

- Total Biomass facilities inspected – 4 2
- Total trainings held – 36 31
- Total EOC training held – 6 2
- Total exercises/tabletops – 9 10
- Total training certificates received – 16 6
- 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 4
- Total grants involved in – 9 8

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