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Thanks to All the Local First Responders, Road and Bridge Volunteers and more...



Shield 616 Donated Body Armor and Bibles to the Dolores County Sheriff & Deputies see sidebar

July 17 2026 Open letter to the Community from the Dolores County Sheriff's Office. "Our community and county have endured a traumatic experience over the past couple of weeks. The first has destroyed thousands of acres of the land that so many of us call home. Throughout this tragedy, it has been inspiring to witness each and every one of you pour your hearts and souls into caring for one another.

We have received an incredible outpouring of support from our county employees, including Road and Bridge, Public Health, Senior Services, the Fairgrounds, Search and Rescue, Emergency Management, and Social Services. Our EMS ambulance crews have been on the front lines, providing emergency medical care since this incident began. Our Dove Creek Volunteer Fire Department members have fought as true

heroes, protecting our residents and their property alongside the many firefighters who came to assist our community.

So many individuals stepped forward to volunteer their time, not because they expected anything in return, but simply because they wanted to help keep our community safe. Team 8 and Team 7 Incident Management have work worked tirelessly to keep us informed about firefighting efforts and the progress of fire containment.

Thank you to the Sheriff's Office staff who also put themselves on the line - our dispatchers, who ensured 24 hour coverage, and our deputies, who worked countless long hours to protect and serve.

Watching our community come together during this difficult time has made me incredibly proud to serve as your County Sheriff.

Sincerely, Sheriff Wilson

Shield 616 is a non profit that donates protection for first responders, they presented gear for the whole Sheriff Office during a thank you party for office staff and family last week at the PSC.

Spilling the Beans...

By Kendra Cook

As July continues with relentless heat, the recent rains are an answer to prayers. However, the threat of fires from the lightning continues to keep our community on edge, and on alert. Life moves on beyond the emergency, and will take some time for everyone to recover and to find a type of summer normal, while the drought impacts all aspects of our lives.

Truly a community working together is the best path towards everyone's success. Support your neighbors and friends as we always have - being somewhere special.

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DOVE CREEK WATER

The transition to the Montezuma Water source for the water in Dove Creek's system, began last Monday the 13th. Anticipation of potential discoloration during the move, has not presented itself as of print date. A Town meeting and workshop on Tuesday July 14, included a discussion on the audit, some opportunities for a bit of restructuring of some of the processes, and the Interim Town Manager's water update.

The entire system transition could take up to a month as the lines are purged and replaced with the new source of water. Sources say that testing has been fine, and the process will continue.

The Town administration has been alerted to various concerns and complaints regarding the online billing system. When Nexbillpay was contacted by the Pinto Bean (as a customer), their response was "utility hasn't sent paperless bill data since May 6, preventing usage display" and they suggested I contact the local utility. The Town says "that is not correct. There are some issues with the systems talking to each other, and we are trying to work through them with the company." Water/Sewer bills can be paid either online or by dropping off payment at the lock box at the Town Hall.

Dove Creek / Dolores County Library
Public/School Library
Mondays & Wednesdays 9am-5pm
Children's Library
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-4pm

2026 DOLORES COUNTY FAIR

Our venue has changed for this year, our fair will now be held at the Dove Creek Community Center.
403 7th Street, Dove Creek

Wednesday, August 5th 9:00am - Noon: Enter County Exhibits at the Fairgrounds 9:00am - Noon: 4-H Judging Noon: Closed to the public - Exhibit Judging & Awards	Saturday, August 8th 9:00am - 12:00pm: Open to the Public 12:00pm - 12:30pm: Check-Out Fair Exhibits (NO EXCEPTIONS!) 6:00pm: FFA Oyster Fry
Thursday, August 6th 9:00am - 6:00pm: Exhibits Open to Public 9:00am: Due to the changes in location, all animals will be judged separately in private. We are sorry for any inconvenience and any disappointment. 1:00pm - 4:00pm: Kid's Games	Friday, August 7th 9:00am - 6:00pm: Exhibits Open to Public 9:30am: 4-H Horse Show (moved, please call for more information) 4:00pm - 6:00pm: Ice Cream Social 4:30pm - 4:45pm: Small Animal Show Registration 5:00pm - 6:00pm: Small Animal Show

FAIR BOOKS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT TOWN. CHECK YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 970-677-2283

Dolores County Rodeos and 4-H Gymkhanas will be rescheduled, please keep an eye on our Facebook for further information.

No admission to enter or view Fair or Animal Show

Dolores County Fair will continue, with some adjustments due to moving it in town to Weber Park as the Fires suppression Incidents teams continue to make use of the Fairgrounds and surrounding area. Any questions call Oma 970-677-2283 Dolores County Jr Rodeo Series will be rescheduled.

School Supply Distribution FREE

July 29th @ The Community Center
BBQ by Atmos

Required school supplies provided to all Dolores County residents

July 29th

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Reaching Out To Community and Kids

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Town of
Dove Creek
TOWN MANAGER POSITION

The Town Manager is under the general direction of the Town Board of Trustees to manage, direct, and supervise the daily activities and programs of the town. Provide professional guidance, leadership, and advice to the Town Board of Trustees. Direct the daily activities and programs of the Town through the Town’s departments. Develops and maintains quality customer service to citizens and promote consistency and transparency in the Town’s actions. Administer all Town departments, except the Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Municipal Judge. Serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees. Actively support and uphold the Town of Dove Creek’s mission and values.

This position will be a full-time position, and the pay is bi-weekly with a salary of \$75,000.00 plus benefits annually. A background check, clean driving record and clean drug test will be required prior to employment and a drug test may be requested at any time during employment.

A job description for this position and an employment application may be obtained online at <https://townofdovecreek.colorado.gov>.

Any person interested in applying for this position must submit a cover letter, resume, list of references, and employment application. Please send all correspondence, completed applications, or direct any questions to info@townofdovecreek.com 970-677-2255.

All information must be received by **August 6, 2026 by 4:30pm** to be considered for the position. Failure to include all requested information will result in the application not being considered for any position with the Town of Dove Creek.

Dolores County BOCC Meeting

Monday July 20 2026

The board was presented with an update on the Tri State solar facility near Doe Canyon, by Randi Prime with Todd Metzger; Vegetation management is a focus right now. Dunton Liquor license was approved for renewal. Bruin Waste's Chris Trosper discussed the options for sustainable operations of the transfer station moving forward, a proposal will be presented in August. A funds transfer was approved for social services, Netforce phones for the county was to be discussed with Keith Keesling IT, and a special meeting as the Board of Health was held for operational discussion possible decisions.

Ferris Fire Finally Abates



Photo courtesy CA Team 7 updates

The Ferris Fire is transitioning on Monday 7/20, back to the San Juan Incident Management Team 8 oversight, from the California Team 7, as a combination of the heavy rains and fire suppression makes for containment over 95%.

While the rains and humidity help with fire suppression, the rehabilitation and repair process is somewhat hindered due to the mud and logistics. It is estimated to take a bit more time to fix the places that were torn up by running dozer lines, chipping and working on areas with dead trees and debris, and fixing the roads alongside our local Road and Bridge.

The total acreage is stated at 64,881 and is not expected to grow any further.

Dove Creek Ambulance District

July 20th Board Meeting

The meeting starts at 5:30 pm at 222 Guyrene St., Dove Creek, CO. 81324

At Dove Creek Ambulance District, we live by BE DCAD — Being nice, Empowered, Dynamic, Community-Focused, Accountable, and Dedicated to Growth — while providing compassionate, professional emergency medical care to our community.

1. Administrative Business (5:30)

○ Call to Order & roll call

○ Approval of Agenda

○ Approval of Minutes

○ Clerk Report and Approval of Financials

○ Future Meetings:

■ Aug Workshop ?

■ Aug 17th: Regularly Scheduled Meeting

2. Visitor address – Krista Schear

3. Old Business: (05:50)

○ Ferris Fire recap – AJ

○ Process/activity for requesting Ferris cost reimbursement from state – AJ & Lenore

○ Latest estimates on incurred Ferris personnel costs – Lenore

○ Policies on wildfire support – adjacent neighbors; personnel reimbursement; incremental vs final payout – board & AJ

○ Power stretcher (& chair) install & swap out; grant updates; timing of payment(s) – AJ & Lenore

4. New Business: (7:00)

○ Chief update –AJ

○ Clerk update - Lenore

5. Adjournment (7:30)

SCAN ME TO JOIN





WEATHER OUTLOOK

— JULY 20 – JULY 26, 2026 —

Your Weekly Forecast
for Dove Creek!

MONDAY JULY 20	TUESDAY JULY 21	WEDNESDAY JULY 22	THURSDAY JULY 23	FRIDAY JULY 24	SATURDAY JULY 25	SUNDAY JULY 26
						
Hot, Increasing Clouds Scattered Thunderstorms	Mostly Cloudy, Afternoon Thunderstorms	Partly Sunny and Afternoon Thunderstorms	Partly Sunny and Scattered Thunderstorms	Mostly Sunny	Sunshine, Late Afternoon Showers Possible	Mostly Sunny
93/62	92/59	86/61	83/67	87/65	88/64	87/63

Colorado’s Economic Development Commission (EDC) has approved the addition of the Census Block around the Town of Dove Creek back into the Southwest Enterprise Zone’s eligible boundaries. Boundary amendments are allowed once a year by the EDC, if updated data demonstrates that a census block meets the statutory requirements to be a Colorado Enterprise Zone.

The Town of Dove Creek has been historically eligible until the last boundary recertification in 2025. In early 2026, the most recent Place data showed that the Census Block was now eligible per the Statute defined distress metrics.

The EDC approved this boundary amendment at their April 16th meeting. The addition of Dove Creek to the Southwest Enterprise Zone will incentivize the rehabilitation of vacant buildings, spur new employment opportunities and support the agriculture sector, critical to Dolores County’s economy. The economy is heavily dependent on agriculture, alongside mining, construction, and retail trade.

What is the Enterprise Zone?

EZ Boundaries: Colorado established areas using criteria and census data to determine if an county/block group is economically distressed. EZ helps improve economic conditions in communities.

EZ Contribution projects are approved by the State of Colorado and must align with the local EZ economic goals.

Donor Tax Credits: qualifying projects contributions receive 25% for cash and 12.5% for in-kind gifts.

Benefit to Donors: By contributing to designated EZ Contribution Projects, donors receive a tax credit to offset state tax liabilities. These tax credits can carryforward for 5 years.

Donations help support approved organizations, and keep donor dollars close to home to build strong and vibrant communities.

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