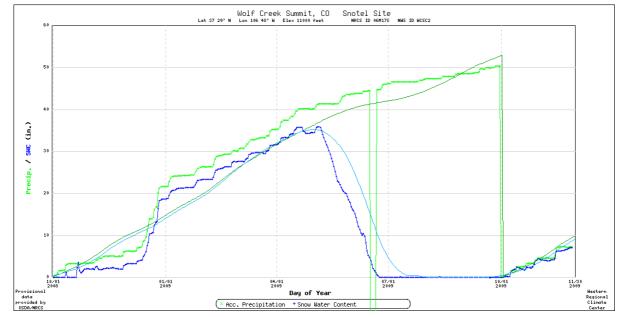
## November 30, 2009 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

Snow accumulation in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins has again declined relative to the average because there was little new accumulation this past week. The average accumulation in the three basins during November is 3.9, 2.4 and 1.9 inches snow water equivalent, respectively. However, this November the accumulations have averaged only 1.0, 1.5, and 0.3 inches respectively. While this November has been below average, this is still only the beginning of the season. In the Upper Rio Grande basin, the snow pack relative to the average annual maximum (22.3 inches by the middle of April) is about the same as it was this time last year before the large increase during December. The forecast chance of snow in the Upper Rio Grande this coming week is low, with the best chance being 10-20% at the end of the week. Storage at Elephant Butte and Caballo dams continues to increase. The increase in November through the 27<sup>th</sup> has been about 25,000 ac-ft.

## COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo November 27, 2009 507,164 acre-feet

SNOW - PRECIPITATION UPDATE Based on Mountain Data from NRCS SNOTEL Sites As of Monday: November 30, 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ ELEV. SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT TOTAL PRECIPITATION BASIN Data Site Name (Ft) % % Avg Avg \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN Basin wide percent of average 57 68 RIO CHAMA BASIN Basin wide percent of average 74 83 SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS 95 Basin wide percent of average 72

## WOLF CREEK



## FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK

422 AM MST MON NOV 30 2009 TODAY SUNNY. HIGHS 36 TO 44. LIGHT WINDS. TONIGHT MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 11 TO 20. LIGHT WINDS. TUESDAY SUNNY. HIGHS 37 TO 45. NORTH WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. TUESDAY NIGHT MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 5 TO 16. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. WEDNESDAY PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 30 TO 37. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND THURSDAY PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 5 TO 10. HIGHS 28 TO 35. THURSDAY NIGHT MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 4 TO 11. FRIDAY MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 33 TO 40. FRIDAY NIGHT PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 7 TO 17. SATURDAY PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 30 TO 38. SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 5 TO 14. HIGHS 29 TO 37.

