

March 1, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

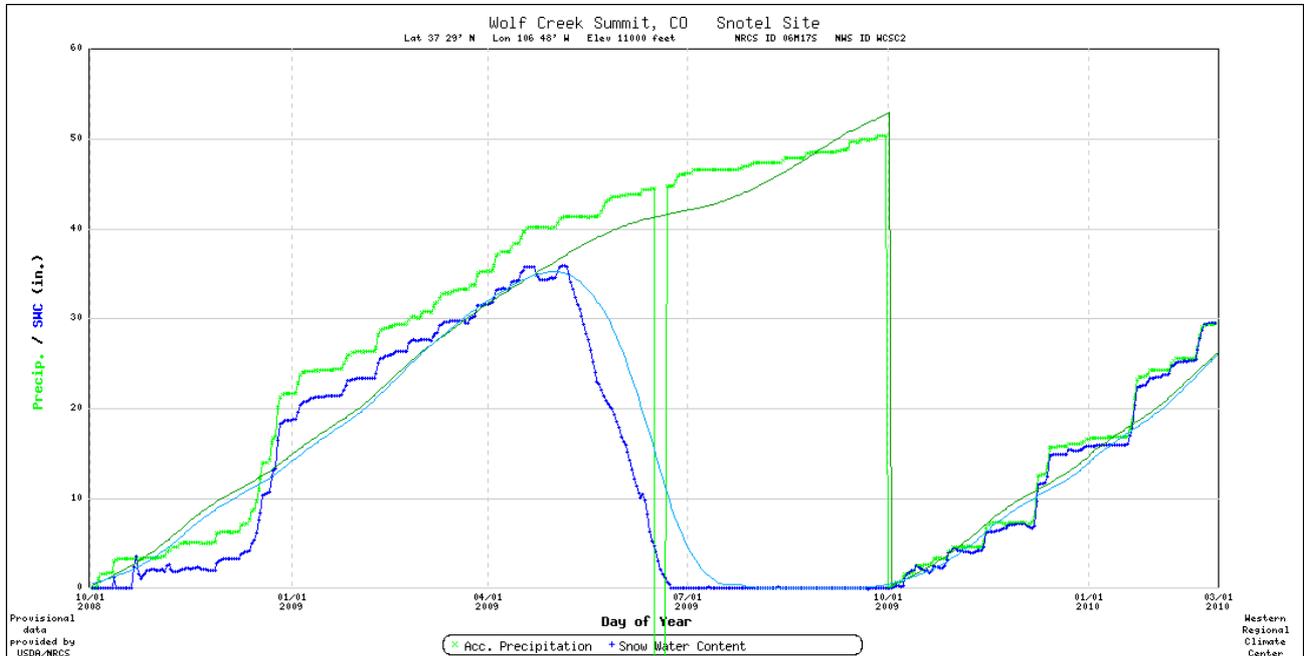
The Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins, with current average snowpacks of 18.3, 15.9 and 9.7 inches water equivalent respectively, continue to stay a little ahead of long term averages. Average accumulations in March add an additional 5.6, 3.0 and 1.5 inches respectively. The best chance of snow this coming week is 50%, on Thursday. While storage at Elephant Butte and Caballo is below last year's level at this time, it is about the same or more than most of the levels seen in recent years. However, the reported flow of the Rio Grande at San Marcial was 200 to 300 cfs during February, considerably below the average flows of 800 to 1000 cfs.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo February 26, 2010 625,350 acre-feet

SNOW - PRECIPITATION UPDATE
Based on Mountain Data from NRCS SNOTEL Sites
As of Monday: March 1, 2010

BASIN	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT % Avg	TOTAL PRECIPITATION % Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		106	105
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		112	100
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		114	109

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
731 AM MST MON MAR 1 2010

REST OF TODAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF SNOW LATE IN THE MORNING...THEN ISOLATED SNOW SHOWERS IN THE LATE MORNING AND AFTERNOON. HIGHS 27 TO 38. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH LATE IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN PARTLY CLOUDY AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 6 TO 14. LIGHT WINDS BECOMING WEST UP TO 10 MPH AFTER MIDNIGHT.

TUESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 36 TO 43. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 12 TO 18. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 35 TO 43. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 10 TO 21.

THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 35 TO 42. LOWS 9 TO 20.

FRIDAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 33 TO 42.

FRIDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 8 TO 19.

SATURDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS 32 TO 40. LOWS 5 TO 19.

SUNDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 32 TO 38.

