

March 15, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins have current average snowpacks of 20.7, 18.0 and 11.6 inches water equivalent respectively, which is close to or exceeds the average annual maximum snowpack. New accumulation since the beginning of this month has stayed ahead of the average accumulation during this same period, but there is not a good chance of new accumulation this coming week, with the best chance being 20% to 30% on Thursday night and Friday. Total storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo has remained about the same since releases began last week, with inflow about the same as outflow. The flow of the Rio Grande at San Marcial remains considerably below average, but further upstream at Otowi Bridge the flow is much closer to average.

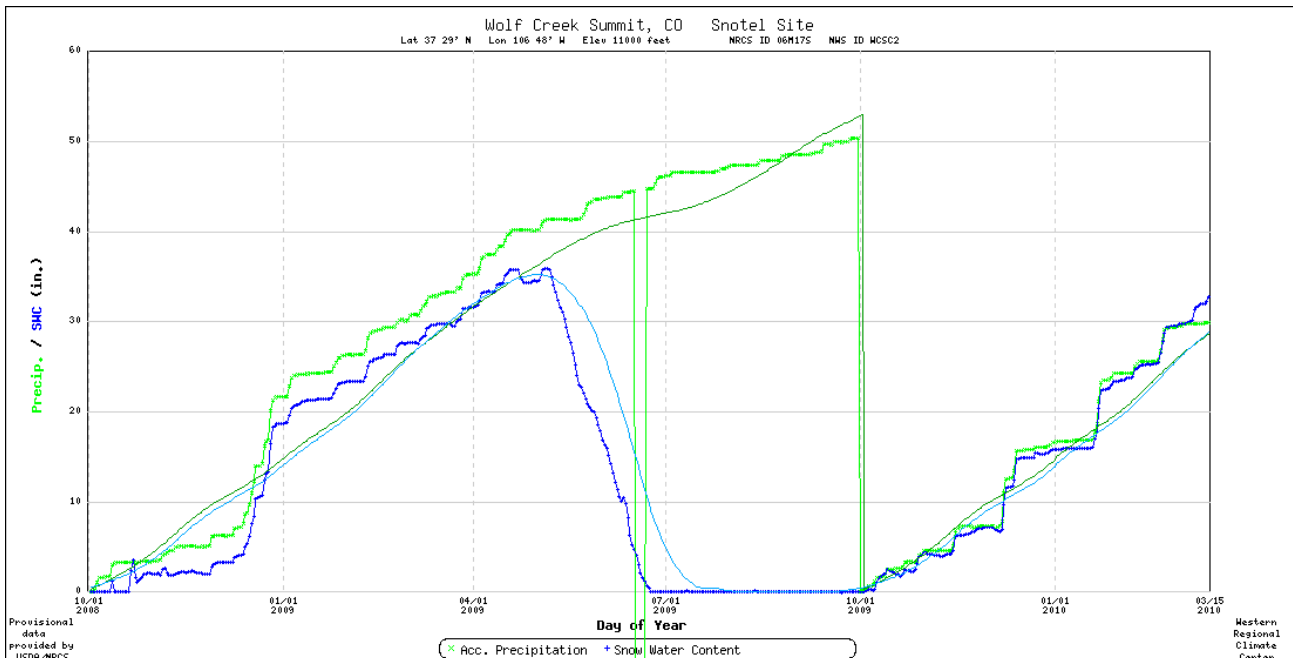
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo

March 14, 2010 629,239 acre-feet

S N O W - P R E C I P I T A T I O N U P D A T E
Based on Mountain Data from NRCS SNOTEL Sites
As of Monday: March 15, 2010

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	(Ft)	%	%
		Avg	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	108	103
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	114	99
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
	Basin wide percent of average	122	117

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
920 AM MDT MON MAR 15 2010

REST OF TODAY

PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE LATE MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 31 TO 39. NORTHEAST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

TONIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 8 TO 18. NORTH WINDS UP TO 10 MPH UNTIL MIDNIGHT BECOMING LIGHT.

TUESDAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 38 TO 46. LIGHT WINDS BECOMING NORTHWEST UP TO 10 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

TUESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 9 TO 19. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 42 TO 51. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 13 TO 23.

THURSDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 39 TO 49. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

THURSDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 12 TO 25.

FRIDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS 33 TO 44.

FRIDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 9 TO 21.

SATURDAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS 36 TO 46.

SATURDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 9 TO 20.

SUNDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 38 TO 48.

