

March 22, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins has changed little this past week relative to the average, with a good chance of precipitation Tuesday and Wednesday. The end of the season for snowpack accumulation is now only about a month away, and even if there was no additional accumulation the snowpack this year would end up being about average at worst. Total storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo has declined this past week as release from Caballo increases while the flow of the Rio Grande at San Marcial continues to remain well below the median.

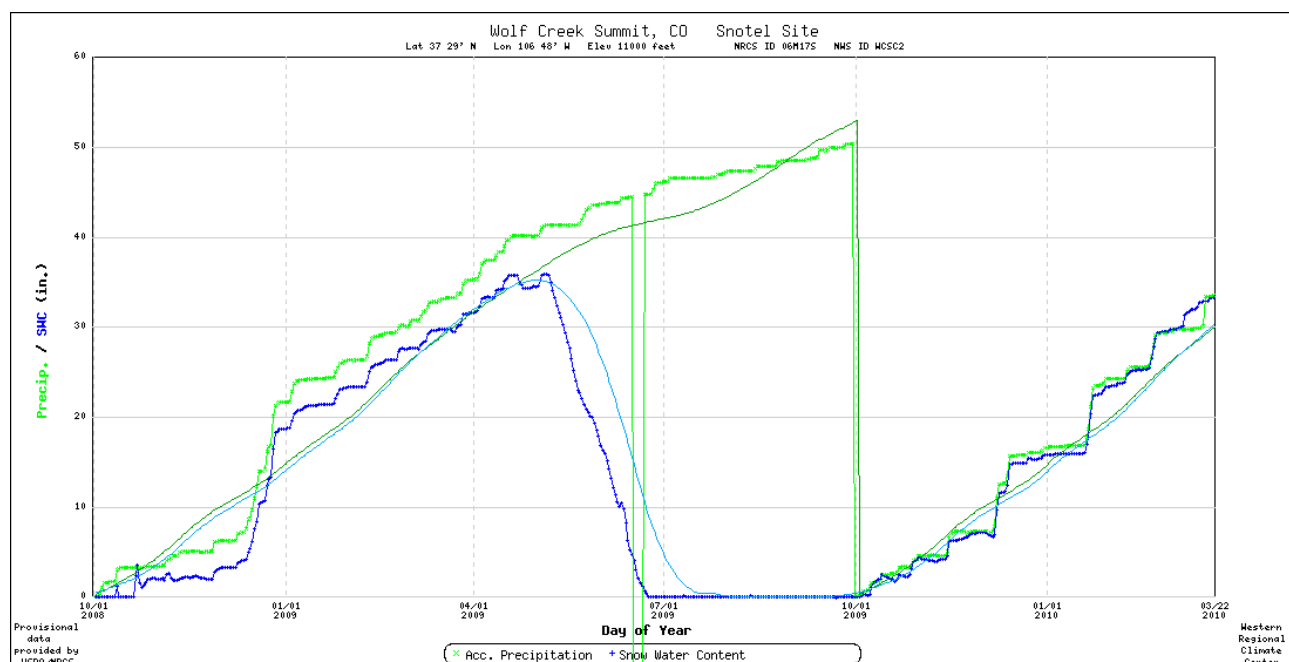
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo March 21, 2010 619,491 acre-feet

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 22, 2010

BASIN	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT % Avg	TOTAL PRECIPITATION % Avg

UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		104	103
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		112	98
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		127	121

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
503 AM MDT MON MAR 22 2010

TODAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 44 TO 50. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 16 TO 25. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

TUESDAY

CLOUDY. CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS IN THE MORNING...THEN SNOW SHOWERS LIKELY EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. LITTLE OR NO SNOW ACCUMULATION. HIGHS 38 TO 47. WEST WINDS 10 TO 20 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 60 PERCENT.

TUESDAY NIGHT

SNOW AND RAIN LIKELY EARLY IN THE EVENING...THEN SNOW LIKELY OVERNIGHT. LIGHT SNOW ACCUMULATIONS. LOWS 17 TO 23. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 70 PERCENT.

WEDNESDAY

SNOW LIKELY. LIGHT SNOW ACCUMULATIONS. HIGHS 31 TO 38. NORTH WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 60 PERCENT.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 10 TO 16.

THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 37 TO 44. LOWS 12 TO 20.

FRIDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 41 TO 49.

FRIDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 15 TO 22. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 20 PERCENT.

SATURDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE MORNING...THEN CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 36 TO 46. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

SATURDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 13 TO 20.

SUNDAY

PARTLY
SUNNY.
HIGHS 40
TO 48.

