

May 3, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

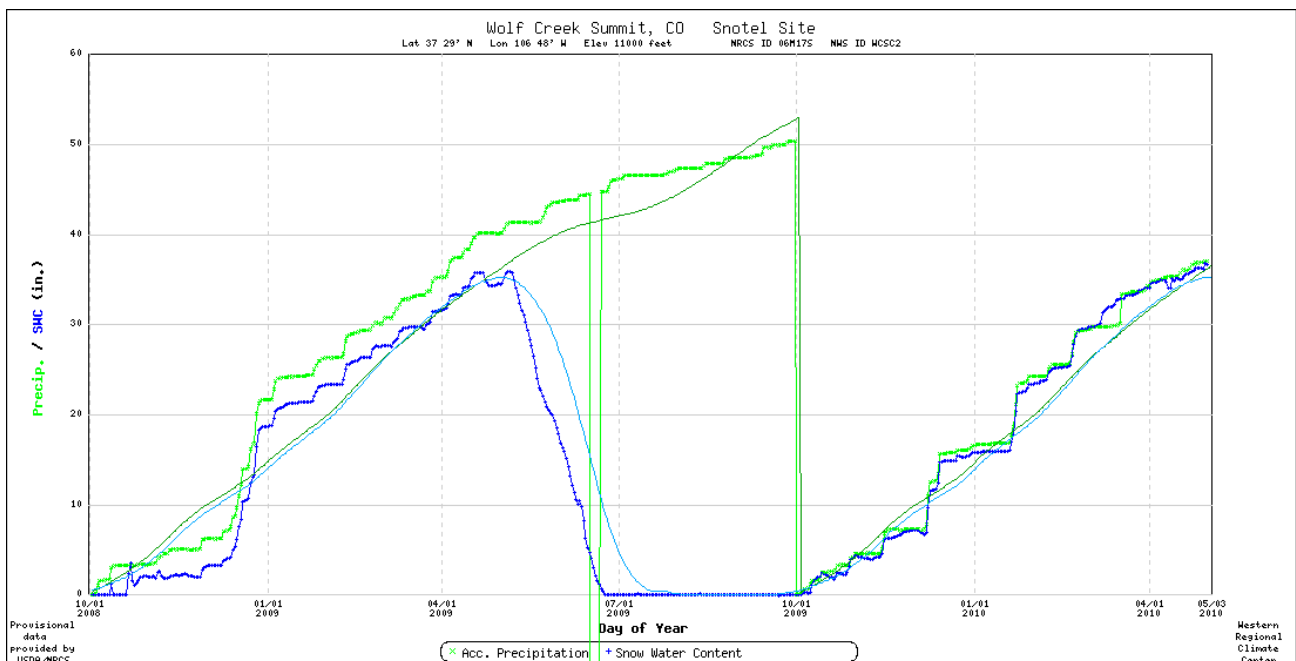
Flow of the Rio Grande at the floodway in San Marcial has increased significantly in the past two weeks as runoff has begun. However the flow, at about 1400 cfs, is still about 1,000 cfs below the median. Upstream at Otowi Bridge the flow is currently running at about 3600 cfs, almost 1,000 cfs above the median flow. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo has increased almost 50,000 ac-ft since its low point two weeks ago. This increase is earlier and more rapid than it was last year. Melting has reduced the average snowpacks in the upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins to 18, 12 and 8 inches respectively. The three basins are currently at about 84%, 60% and 59% of their peak values this year. The forecast chances of precipitation this week are only 10% at best.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo

April 30, 2010 612,966 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: April 19, 2010

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	(Ft)	%	%
		Avg	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	87	98
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	94	94
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
	Basin wide percent of average	126	114



WOLF CREEK

FORECAST

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

739 AM MDT MON MAY 3 2010

TODAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 43 TO 53. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH BECOMING WEST IN THE AFTERNOON.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 23 TO 29. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

TUESDAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 50 TO 61. WEST WINDS 10 TO 20 MPH.

TUESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 26 TO 31. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH. GUSTS UP TO 35 MPH AFTER MIDNIGHT.

WEDNESDAY

SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 30 MPH. MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 50 TO 64.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 26 TO 32.

THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS 45 TO 58. LOWS 23 TO 29.

FRIDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS 48 TO 57. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

FRIDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 23 TO 29. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

SATURDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS 49 TO 58. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

SATURDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 24 TO 31. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

SUNDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE MORNING...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 50 TO 60. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

