

May 17, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

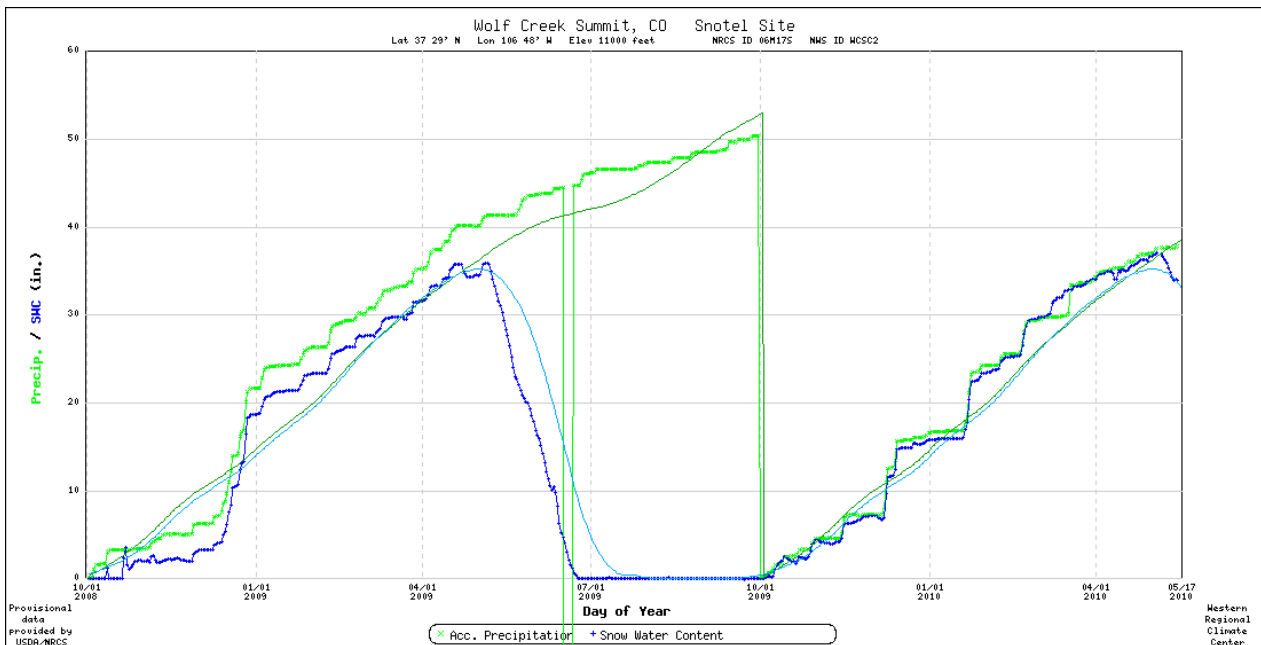
The snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins continues to melt rapidly. About half the snowpack is gone in the Upper Rio Grande while most of it is gone from the other two basins. Wolf Creek is now past its peak (which was at about the same as last year) and is now melting. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo has increased about 17,500 ac-ft in the first two weeks of the month, but still remains about 27,000 ac-ft below last year's storage on the same date. The best chances of precipitation this week are 40-50% Tuesday night through Wednesday night.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo May 14, 2010 633,212 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: May 17, 2010

BASIN Data Site Name	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT %	TOTAL PRECIPITATION %
		Avg	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		62	95
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		63	91
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		148*	111

* Not representative because most sites have little or no snowpack remaining
WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
341 AM MDT MON MAY 17 2010

TODAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 57 TO 68. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH BECOMING SOUTHWEST IN THE AFTERNOON. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

TONIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS EARLY IN THE EVENING...THEN MOSTLY CLOUDY OVERNIGHT. LOWS 32 TO 39. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

TUESDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS IN THE MORNING...THEN CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 49 TO 60. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 20 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

TUESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN SNOW SHOWERS LIKELY AFTER MIDNIGHT. CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS EARLY IN THE MORNING. LOWS 27 TO 34. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 60 PERCENT.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS EARLY IN THE MORNING...THEN CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS IN THE LATE MORNING AND AFTERNOON. HIGHS 44 TO 54. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH INCREASING TO 15 TO 25 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 40 PERCENT.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 28 TO 35. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 50 PERCENT.

THURSDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS 57 TO 68. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 20 PERCENT.

THURSDAY NIGHT AND FRIDAY

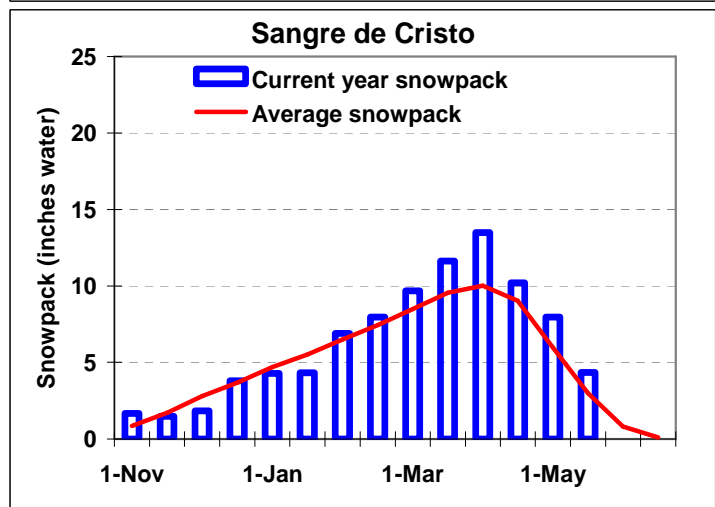
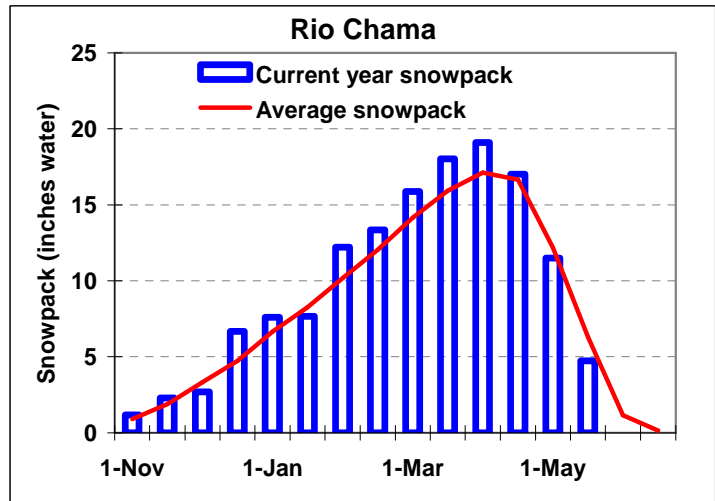
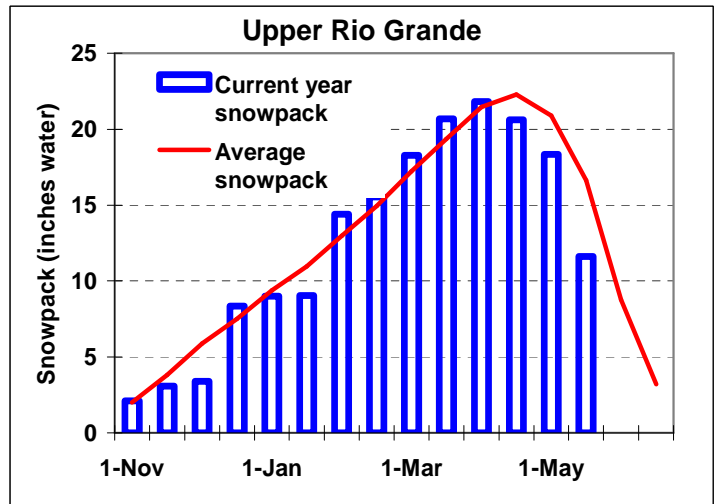
PARTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 32 TO 38. HIGHS 58 TO 67.

FRIDAY NIGHT

WINDY. MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS UNTIL MIDNIGHT. LOWS 35 TO 41.

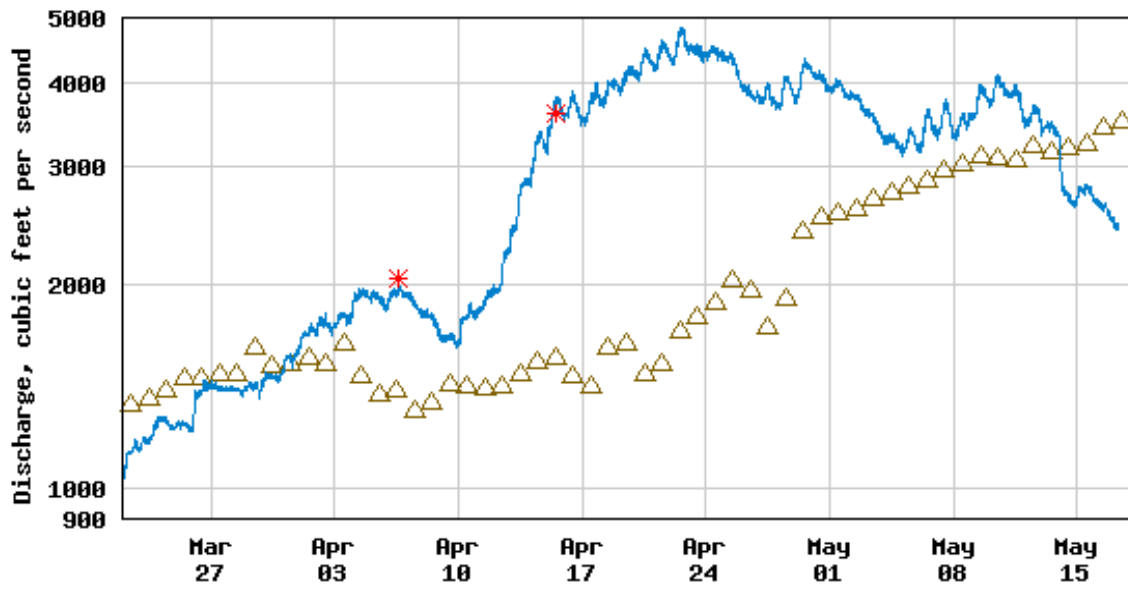
SATURDAY

WINDY. PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE MORNING...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 54 TO 64. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.





USGS 08313000 RIO GRANDE AT OTOWI BRIDGE, NM

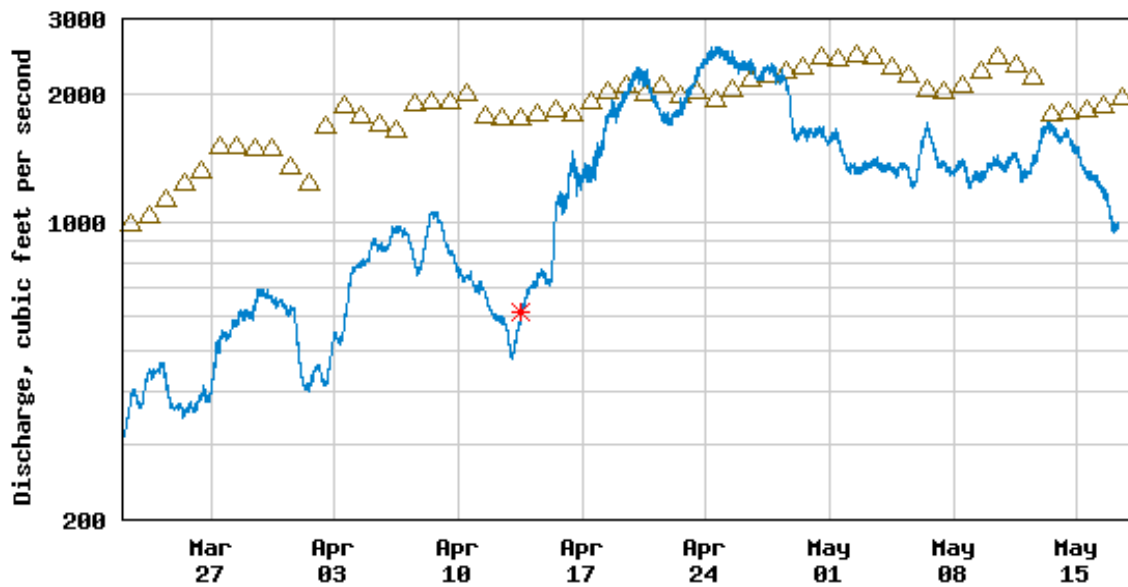


----- Provisional Data Subject to Revision -----

- △ Median daily statistic (38 years)
- * Measured discharge
- Discharge



USGS 08358400 RIO GRANDE FLOODWAY AT SAN MARCIAL, NM



----- Provisional Data Subject to Revision -----

- △ Median daily statistic (10 years)
- * Measured discharge
- Discharge