

May 24, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The snowpack at most of the SNOTEL locations in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins is gone. Wolf Creek is now at 28 inches, down from its peak this year of 37 inches and melting rapidly. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo is leveling off, and if the current trend continues will end up about 100,000 ac-ft below last year's level. The Rio Grande flow at San Marcial, including the floodway and the conveyance channel, is also below both last year's flow and the median flow. The forecast chance of precipitation this week is low.

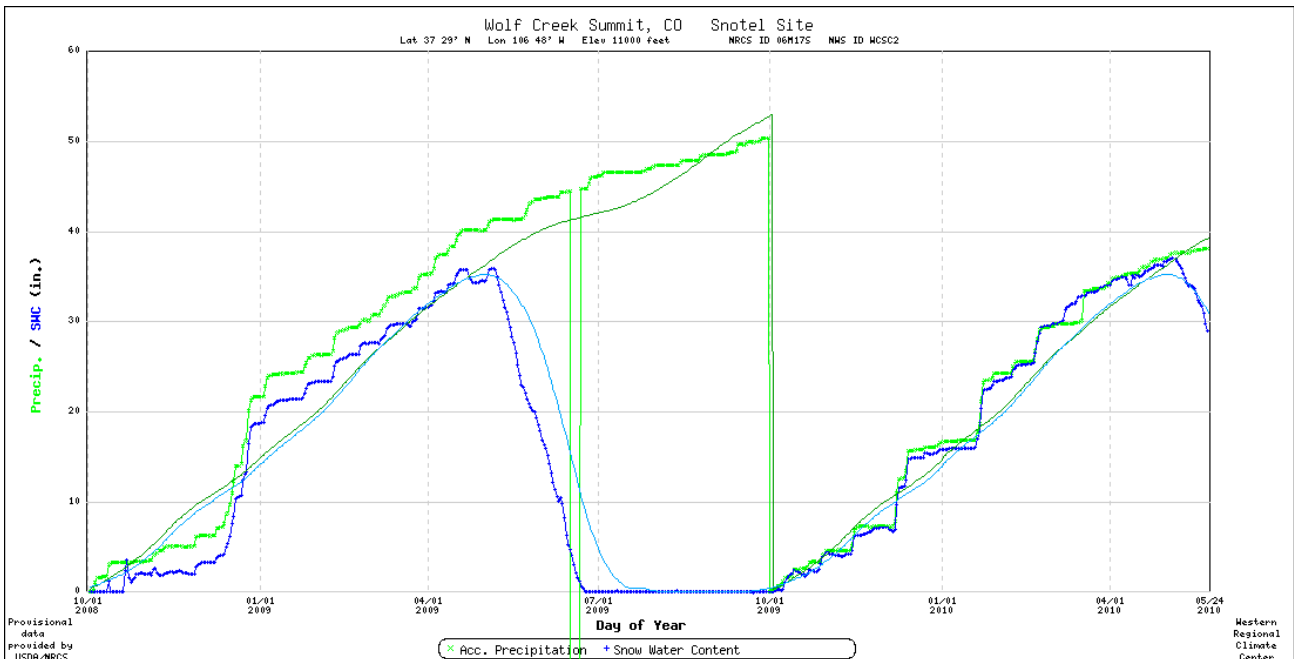
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo May 23, 2010 635,719 acre-feet

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 24, 2010

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	(Ft)	%	%
		Avg*	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
		44	94
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
		10	90
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
		101	107

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

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
416 AM MDT MON MAY 24 2010

TODAY

SOUTHWEST WINDS 15 TO 30 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 50 MPH. MOSTLY SUNNY WITH ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS 42 TO 54. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY UNTIL MIDNIGHT THEN CLEARING. LOWS 23 TO 31. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 40 MPH UNTIL MIDNIGHT BECOMING LIGHT.

TUESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 55 TO 65. SOUTH WINDS UP TO 10 MPH INCREASING TO 10 TO 20 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

TUESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 31 TO 37. SOUTHWEST WINDS AROUND 10 MPH UNTIL MIDNIGHT BECOMING LIGHT.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 58 TO 68. SOUTHEAST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH INCREASING TO SOUTH 10 TO 20 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 33 TO 39.

THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS 56 TO 67. LOWS 33 TO 40.

FRIDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS 57 TO 67. LOWS 32 TO 39.

SATURDAY THROUGH SUNDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 54 TO 68. LOWS 32 TO 39. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

