

November 03, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The 2010-2011 season has started with the first small snow accumulations in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins. The average accumulation in the Upper Rio Grande is still less than one inch snow water equivalent, but it is still very early in the season. Wolf Creek summit has about 2 inches. Storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo dams has been about the same since the middle of September, at a little less than 400,000 ac-ft. The chance of precipitation this week is low.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo October 31, 2010 390,843 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 Sunday October 31, 2010

BASIN	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT % Avg	TOTAL PRECIPITATION % Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		45*	83
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		60*	73
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		26*	71

* Too early in the season to be meaningful

WOLF CREEK



