

November 16, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The snowpack is still lagging behind the average for this date, and there is no indication of a good snowstorm in the forecast for this coming week. The average maximum snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande occurs around the middle of April (at about 22 inches). By November 15, the average snowpack is about 17% of that average maximum. While the snowpack has increased by an inch since the beginning of November, this is only about half the average increase over the same period. It is still much too early however to identify any seasonal trend. Storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo dams continues to increase slowly, and by next week should be back above 400,000 ac-ft.

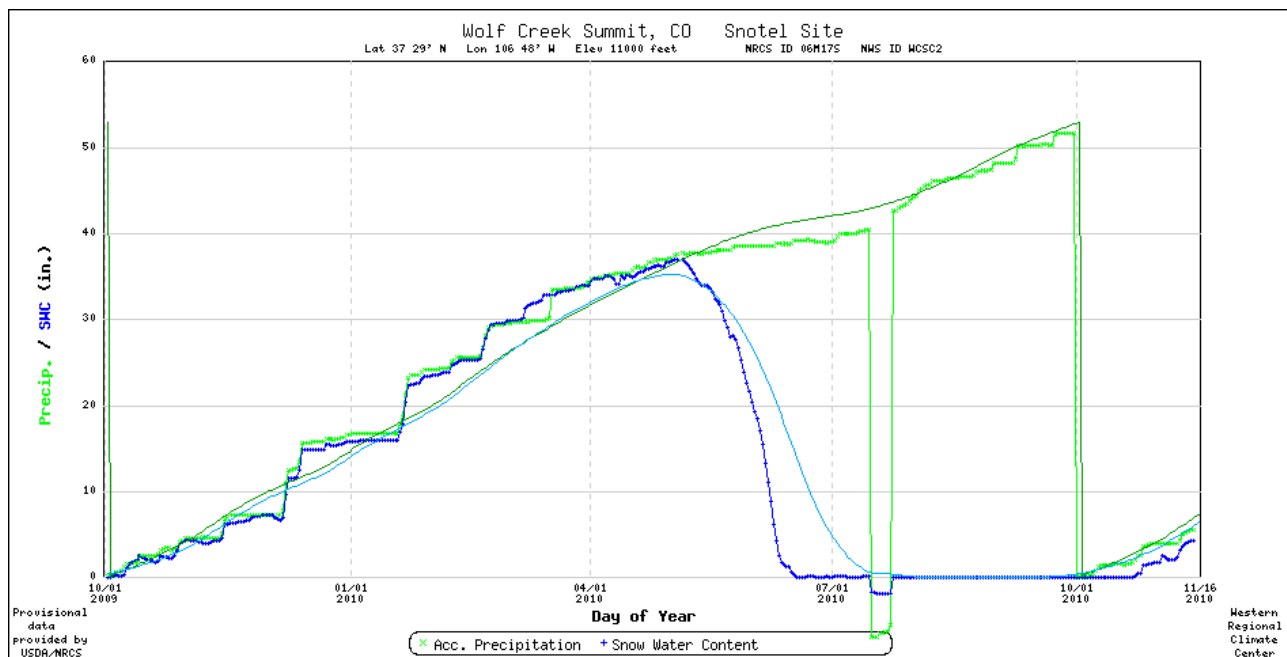
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo November 14, 2010 397,625 acre-feet

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 November 15, 2010

BASIN	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT % Avg	TOTAL PRECIPITATION % Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		49*	72
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		62*	54
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		19*	64

* Too early in the season to be meaningful

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
845 PM MST MON NOV 15 2010

REST OF TONIGHT
MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10
PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW
SHOWERS UNTIL
MIDNIGHT...THEN PARTLY
CLOUDY AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS
5 TO 18. NORTHWEST WINDS UP
TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY
MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 31 TO
41. WEST WINDS 10 TO 25
MPH.

TUESDAY NIGHT
MOSTLY CLOUDY UNTIL
MIDNIGHT THEN BECOMING
PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 8 TO
20. WEST WINDS 10 TO 25 MPH
WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 40
MPH.

WEDNESDAY
MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 34 TO 43. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 8 TO 20. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT
MOSTLY CLEAR. HIGHS 39 TO 48. LOWS 10 TO 24.

FRIDAY
MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 35 TO 46.

FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY
MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 11 TO 24. HIGHS 34 TO 44.

SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY
MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 12 TO 24. HIGHS 31 TO 41.

SUNDAY NIGHT
MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 11 TO 17.

MONDAY
PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS 26 TO 37.

