

December 6, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

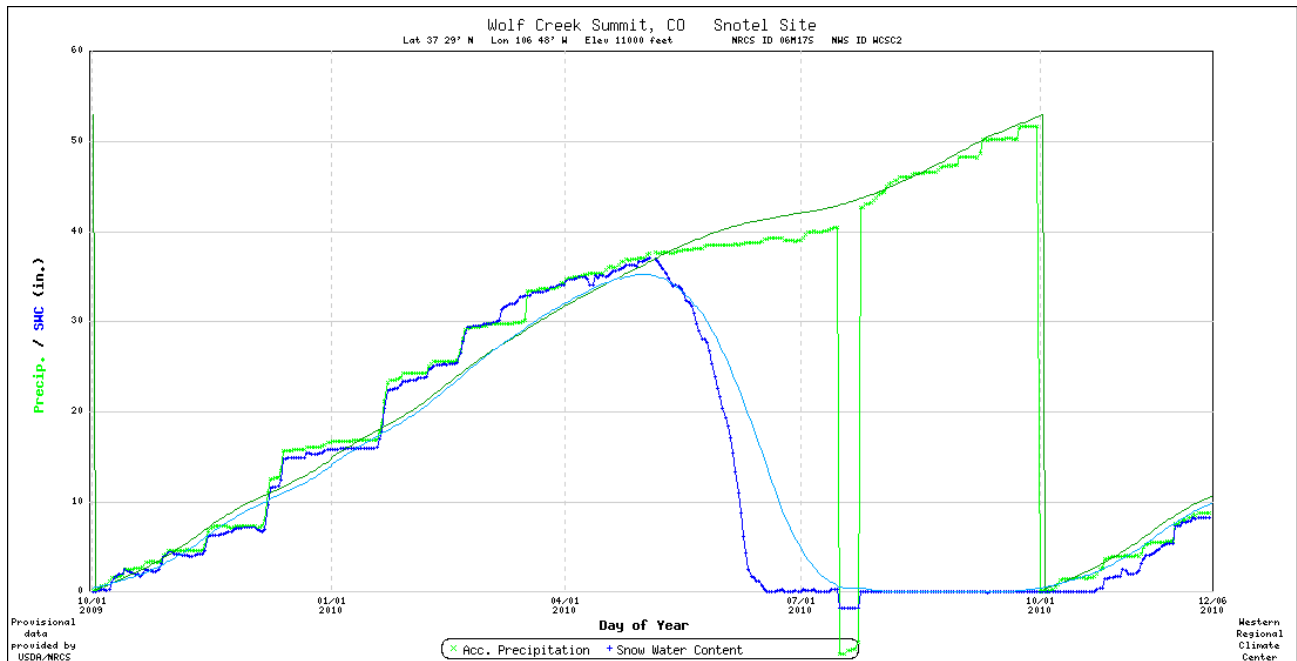
The snowpack remains below average, and with not much chance of snow in the forecast we may have to continue waiting for a good snowfall event. The average snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande basin on this date is 6.5 inches snow water equivalent, and we are currently about 2.5 inches below that. On Wolf Creek summit the average snowpack is 10.8 inches, and there we are also down about 2.5 inches. Storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo dams continues to increase at about 1,000 ac-ft per day as it has the past few weeks.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo December 5, 2010 418,951 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 December 6, 2010

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	(Ft)	%	%
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	62	77
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	61	59
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
	Basin wide percent of average	25	53

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
854 AM MST MON DEC 6 2010

REST OF TODAY

PARTLY SUNNY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 37 TO 45. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 14 TO 24. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH. GUSTS UP TO 35 MPH AFTER MIDNIGHT.

TUESDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE MORNING. HIGHS 31 TO 43. NORTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH DECREASING TO UP TO 10 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

TUESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 8 TO 20. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 37 TO 46. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH BECOMING SOUTHWEST IN THE AFTERNOON.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 14 TO 25.

THURSDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE MORNING... THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 38 TO 46. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

THURSDAY NIGHT AND FRIDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 14 TO 25. HIGHS 34 TO 44.

FRIDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 13 TO 25.

SATURDAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 32 TO 38.

SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 6 TO 18. HIGHS 32 TO 41.

Wolf Creek Pass SNOTEL 1986-2008

