

December 31, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

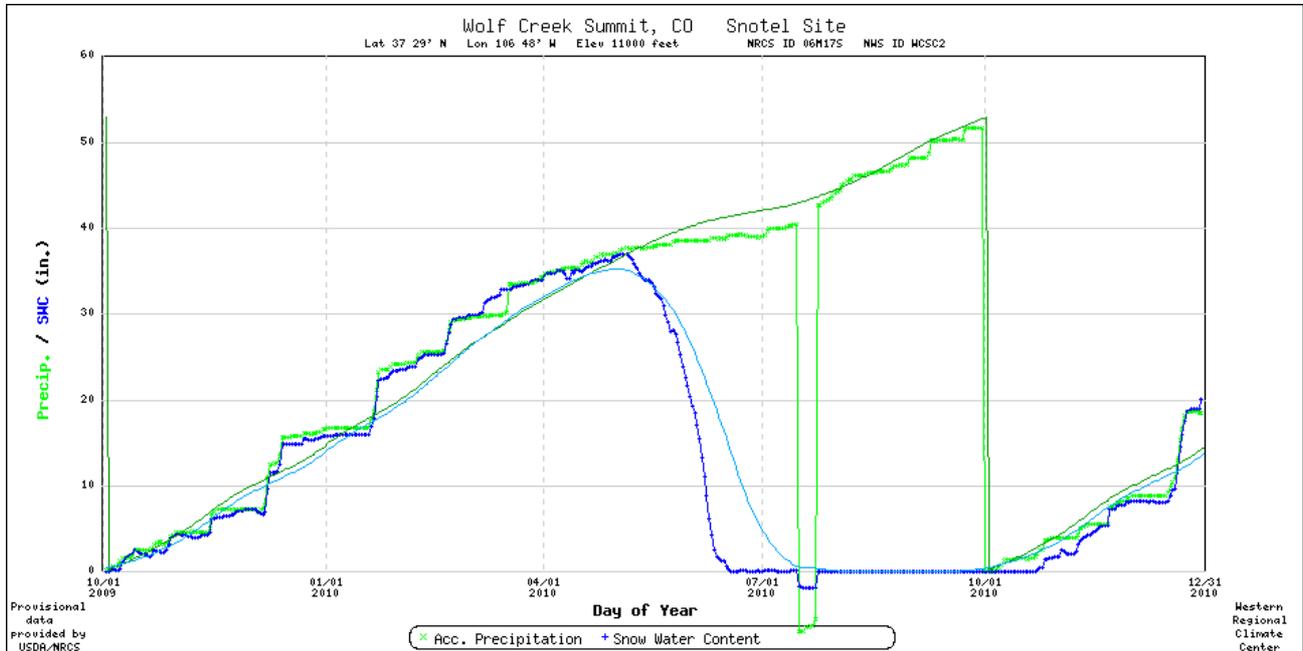
The snow has continued to fall this past week, and now at the end of the year the Upper Rio Grande and Rio Chama basins are above average. The last half of December saw the snow pack in the Upper Rio Grande increase by over 7 inches of snow water equivalent, from 4.2 inches to 11.6 inches. However the Sangre de Cristo basin did not benefit as much from the recent heavy snowfalls, and continues to be significantly below average. The forecast for the coming week shows a good chance of snow today, but not much for the rest of the week. Reservoir storage at the end of 2010 continues its steady increase but is still 90,000 ac-ft below the level on New Years eve last year.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo December 30, 2010 457,130 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 Friday December 31, 2010

BASIN	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT % Avg	TOTAL PRECIPITATION % Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		125	117
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		122	99
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		63	72

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
419 AM MST FRI DEC 31 2010

TODAY

SNOW LIKELY. SNOW ACCUMULATION OF 1 TO 2 INCHES. HIGHS 5 TO 14. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH. GUSTS UP TO 35 MPH IN THE MORNING. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 70 PERCENT. WIND CHILL READINGS 16 BELOW TO 26 BELOW ZERO.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 10 BELOW TO 22 BELOW ZERO. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. WIND CHILL READINGS 22 BELOW TO 32 BELOW ZERO.

NEW YEARS DAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 5 TO 12. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. WIND CHILL READINGS 26 BELOW TO 36 BELOW ZERO IN THE MORNING.

SATURDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS UNTIL MIDNIGHT. LOWS 5 BELOW TO 15 BELOW ZERO. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

SUNDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 19 TO 28. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT.

SUNDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 10 BELOW TO 4 ABOVE ZERO.

MONDAY AND MONDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 22 TO 31. LOWS 2 BELOW TO 8 ABOVE ZERO.

TUESDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 23 TO 35. LOWS 2 TO 13.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS 6 TO 16.

THURSDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 25 TO 34.

