

March 14, 2011 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

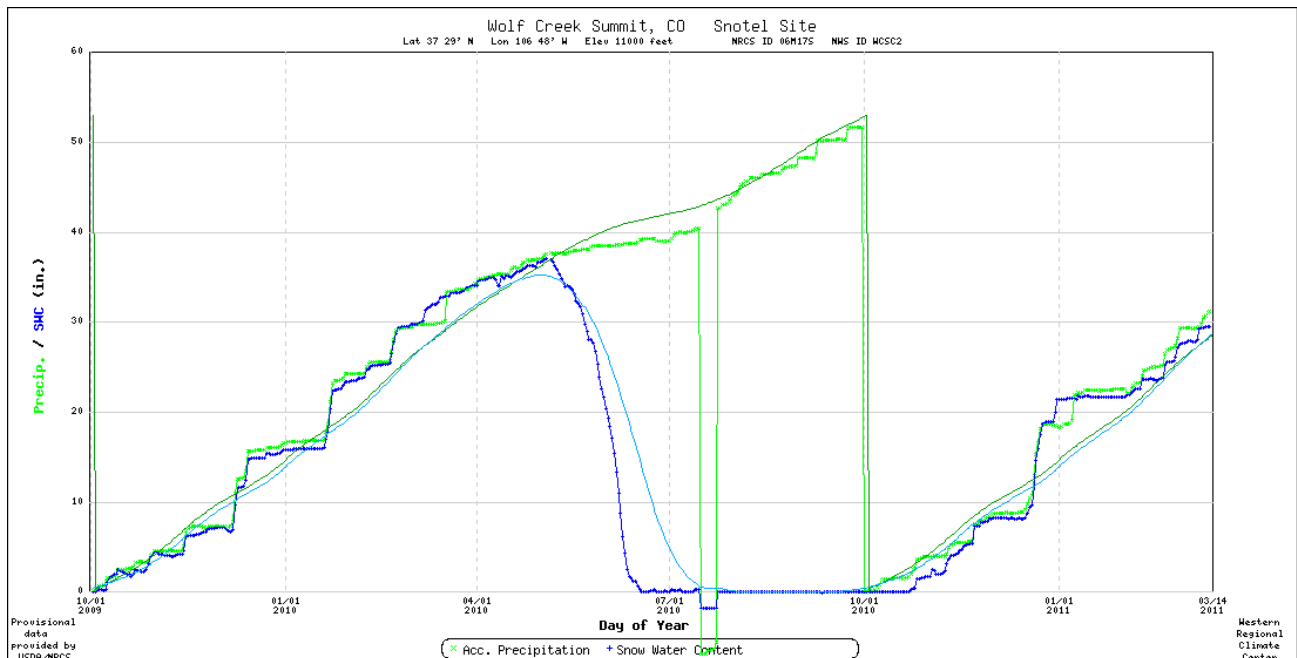
With about one month to go before the peak snowpack this season, we are still close to or below average. The average snowpack in the middle of March in the Upper Rio Grande is about 84% of the average maximum (occurring around the middle of April). We are currently at 18 inches snow water equivalent, 1.3 inches below average for this date. The maximum average snowpack is about 22.3 inches, with about 3 more inches added on average between now and then. There is not much snow in the forecast this coming week. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo continues to increase at about 1,000 ac-ft/day, but now Caballo is being filled while holding Elephant Butte at about 500,000 ac-ft.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo March 11, 2011 538,818 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 March 14, 2011

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	(Ft)	%	%
		Avg	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	94	98
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	81	76
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
	Basin wide percent of average	73	78

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
425 AM MDT MON MAR 14 2011

TODAY

PARTLY SUNNY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 45 TO 53. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH INCREASING TO 10 TO 15 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

TONIGHT
 MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS EARLY IN THE EVENING. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS 16 TO 28. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 20 PERCENT.

TUESDAY
 PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 42 TO 53. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY NIGHT
 PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 17 TO 32. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY
 PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 46 TO 55. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
 MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 22 TO 33. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

THURSDAY
 PARTLY SUNNY. CHANCE OF SNOW AND SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE MORNING...THEN CHANCE OF RAIN IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 45 TO 54. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

THURSDAY NIGHT
 MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 8 TO 30. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 20 PERCENT.

FRIDAY
 PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 40 TO 51.

FRIDAY NIGHT
 MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS 20 TO 31.

SATURDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT
 MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 43 TO 54. LOWS 16 TO 29.

