

May 3, 2011 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The snowpack relative to the average in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins has been increasing recently, but this is primarily because it is melting more slowly than average. The actual snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande has also been increasing a little so that it is now about average. However, the snowpack in all three basins is still below the average peak. There is no mention of new precipitation this week, and with maximum temperatures into the 50s and 60s the snowpack is melting. Meanwhile storage continues to decrease about 1,700 ac-ft per day prior to the start of the main runoff period. It is now almost 100,000 ac-ft below its peak level this year in the middle of March.

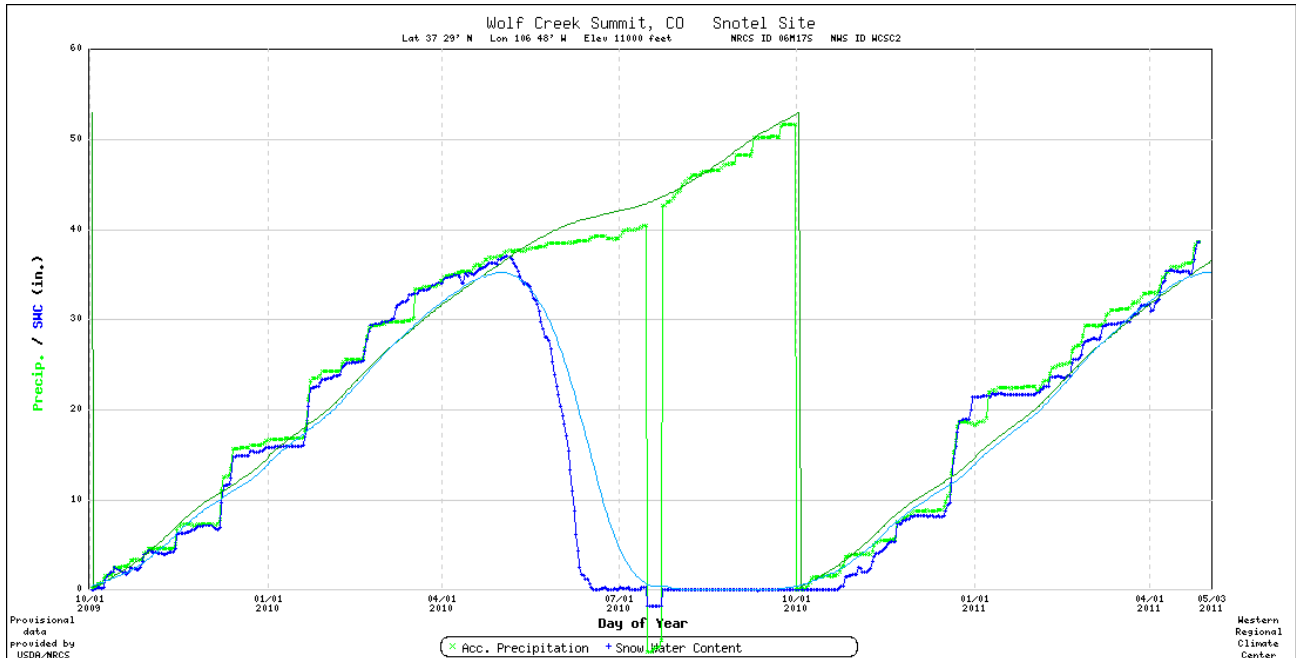
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo May 2, 2011 443,669 acre-feet

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 Tuesday May 3, 2011

BASIN	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT % Avg	TOTAL PRECIPITATION % Avg

UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		99	100
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		90	84
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		56	78

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
906 AM MDT TUE MAY 3 2011

REST OF TODAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 42 TO 53. LIGHT WINDS BECOMING SOUTHWEST 10 TO 15 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

TONIGHT
 MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 16 TO 27.
 SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

WEDNESDAY
 MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 46 TO 58.
 SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH
 BECOMING WEST 10 TO 25 MPH IN
 THE AFTERNOON.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
 PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 17 TO 32.
 WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

THURSDAY
 MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 50 TO 63.
 WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH
 INCREASING TO 10 TO 15 MPH IN
 THE AFTERNOON.

THURSDAY NIGHT THROUGH FRIDAY
 NIGHT PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 23 TO
 36. HIGHS 51 TO 63.

SATURDAY
 PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 54 TO 65.

SATURDAY NIGHT THROUGH MONDAY
 PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 26 TO 36.
 HIGHS 52 TO 64.

