

May 25, 2011 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The snowpack in much of the Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins has melted. Only the high elevations still have some snowpack remaining. The upper Rio Grande runoff season should be well underway, but flow in the Rio Grande remains well below average. At San Marcial the floodway has been running at around 100 cfs, compared to average flows of 3000-4000 cfs. Flow at Otowi is increasing, but at around 1500 cfs it is also well below average flows of 3000-4000 cfs. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo has gone down the past week as outflow exceeds inflow.

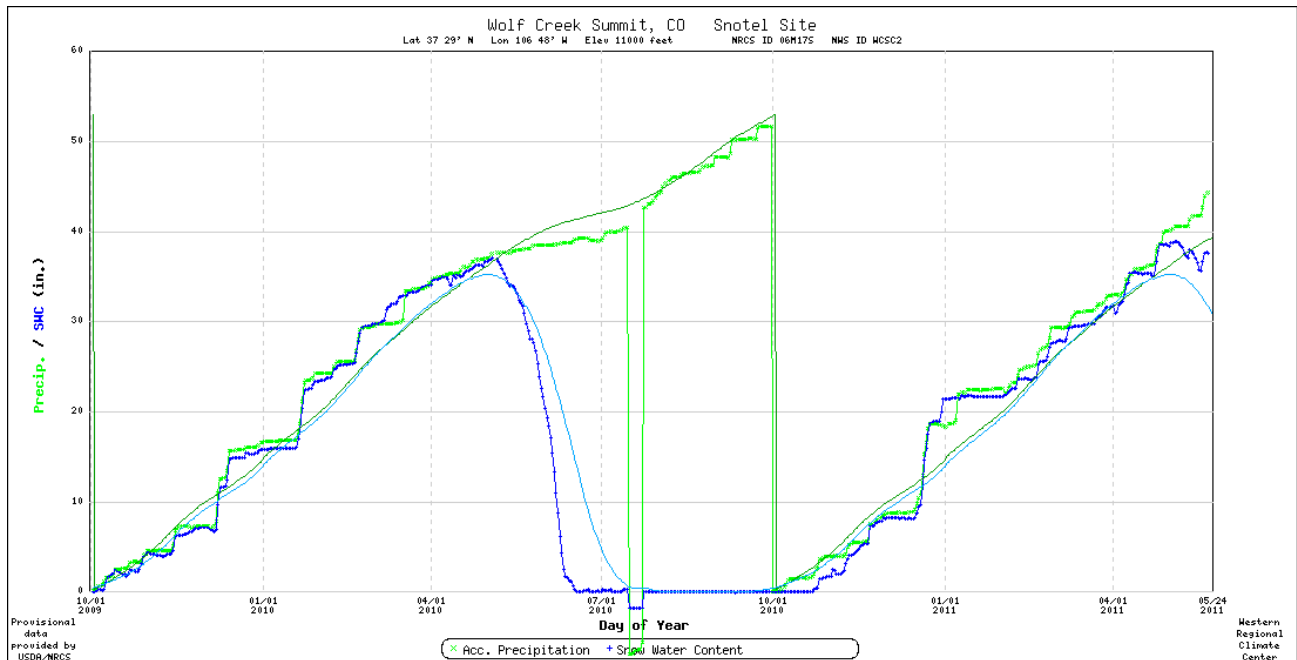
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo May 23, 2011 421,558 acre-feet

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 24, 2011

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	(Ft)	%	%
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		126	103
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		111*	86
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		50*	76

* Averages may not be meaningful late in the season due to low remaining snowpack.

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
353 AM MDT WED MAY 25 2011

TODAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 52 TO 65. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 29 TO 38. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

THURSDAY

SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 20 MPH INCREASING TO 20 TO 30 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON. MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 51 TO 69.

THURSDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 30 TO 41. WEST WINDS 10 TO 25 MPH DECREASING TO 10 TO 15 MPH AFTER MIDNIGHT. GUSTS UP TO 40 MPH.

FRIDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 50 TO 68. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH INCREASING TO 15 TO 25 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

FRIDAY NIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 29 TO 39. HIGHS 55 TO 68.

SUNDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 51 TO 65.

SUNDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 30 TO 37. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

MEMORIAL DAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE MORNING...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 51 TO 65. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

MONDAY NIGHT AND TUESDAY PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 25 TO 34. HIGHS 54 TO 65.

