

Jan 2, 2012 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

2011 ended without a major snowfall to boost the snowpack, which has been decreasing relative to the average. During the 2nd half of December there has been little or no increase in the snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande and Rio Chama basins. The Sangre de Cristo basin received the largest increase, but even there it was less than one inch, which is below the average accumulation for the period. The forecast is not encouraging, with only a 20% chance of snow at the end of the week. Storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo, however, continues to increase by about 1,800 ac-ft per day. Storage is now over 300,000 ac-ft, and the gap between storage last year and this year is slowly closing.

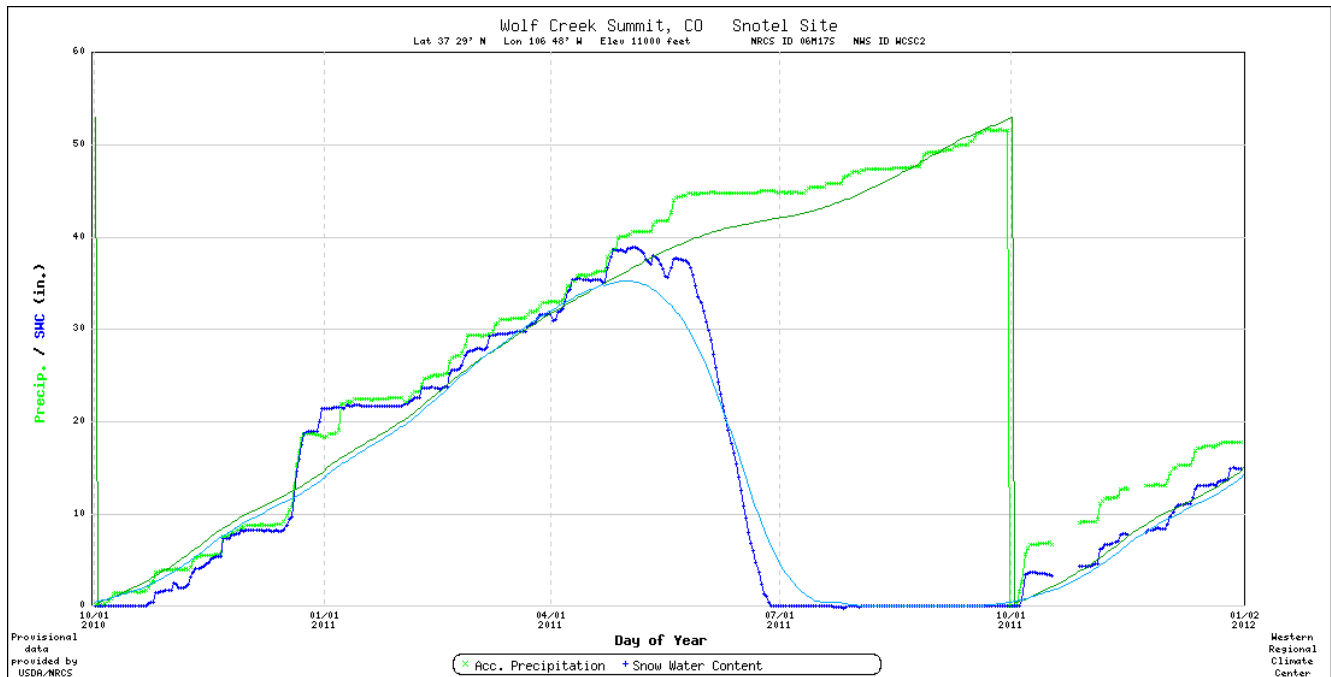
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo January 1, 2012 309,998 acre-feet

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 January 2, 2012

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

UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	81	110
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	78	96
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
	Basin wide percent of average	105	126

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
311 AM MST MON JAN 2 2012

TODAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 38 TO 43. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS ZERO TO 20.
SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 34 TO 44.
WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH IN THE
MORNING BECOMING LIGHT.

TUESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 9 TO 21.
NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 39 TO 46.
NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH IN
THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT THROUGH THURSDAY
NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 10 TO 22.
HIGHS 39 TO 46.

FRIDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 35 TO 40. LOWS 5 TO 18.

SATURDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 28 TO 34.

SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS 5 TO 14. HIGHS 24 TO 30.

