

December 11, 2012 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The snowpack remains well below average for this time of year as we wait for the first good storm of the season. While there is a chance of snow towards the middle and end of this week, there is not a good storm in the forecast. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo is currently increasing at about the same rate it has in the past four hydrologic years at this time of year. During these past four years, storage between now and the end of February has increased between 97,000 and 112,000 ac-ft. By that time, the snow pack is typically 70% to 80% of its maximum for the year. Whether this year follows the same pattern remains to be seen.

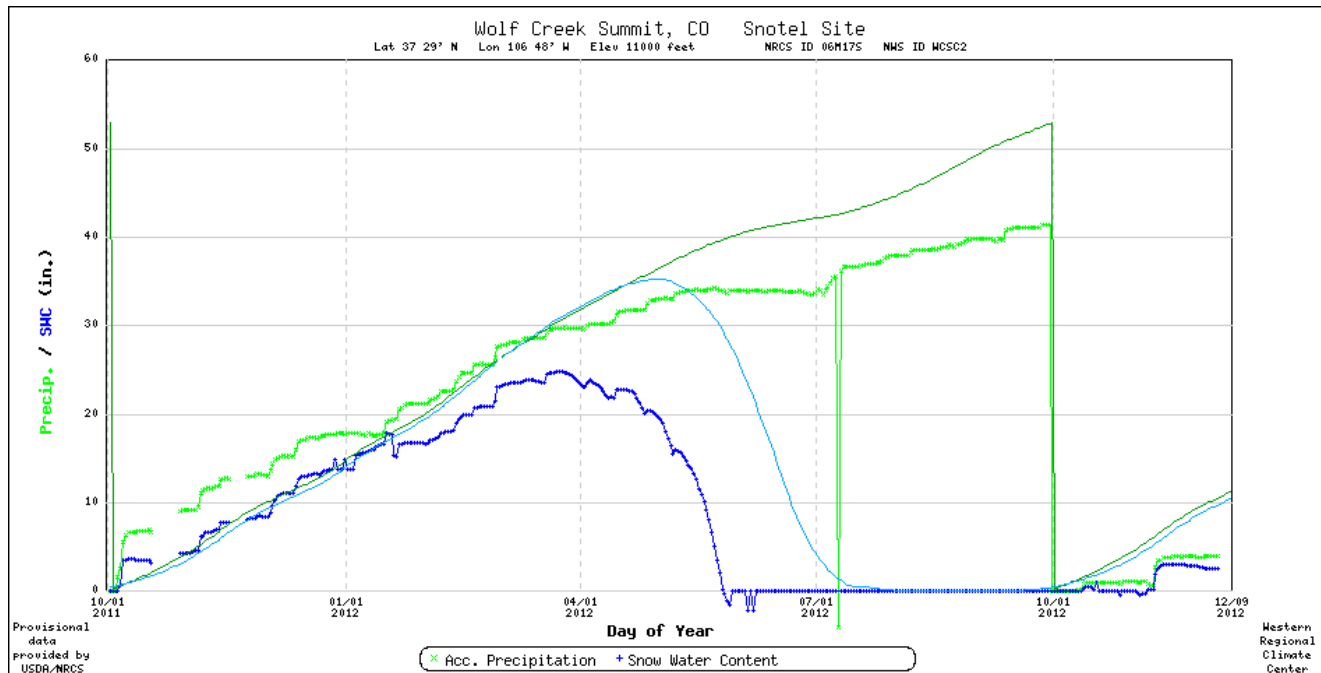
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo December 9, 2012 139,413 acre-feet

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 December 10, 2012

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

UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		42	38
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		26	25
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		23	44

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
314 PM MST MON DEC 10 2012

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE EVENING AND OVERNIGHT...THEN PARTLY CLOUDY EARLY IN THE MORNING. LOWS 5 BELOW TO 8 ABOVE ZERO. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 22 TO 28. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. WIND CHILL READINGS 10 BELOW TO 20 BELOW ZERO IN THE MORNING.

TUESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 2 TO 15. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 36 TO 41. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 9 TO 21. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 20 MPH. GUSTS UP TO 35 MPH UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

THURSDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 34 TO 40.

THURSDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 12 TO 23.

FRIDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 29 TO 35.

FRIDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 6 TO 18.

SATURDAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 27 TO 32.

SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 3 TO 15. HIGHS 28 TO 34.

SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 5 TO 16. HIGHS 32 TO 37.

