

March 4, 2014 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins all remain below average. In the Upper Rio Grande, the average snowpack at the beginning of March (17 inches snow water equivalent) is more than 75% of the average maximum for the year, which typically occurs in the middle of April. With about six weeks left in the season, the snowpack this year will have to increase twice as fast as the average increase in order to catch up with the average maximum. There is a 20% to 40% chance of snow Friday to Saturday, but not much else this week. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo has been increasing at about 1,300 ac-ft per day, and is 166,000 ac-ft more than last year at this time.

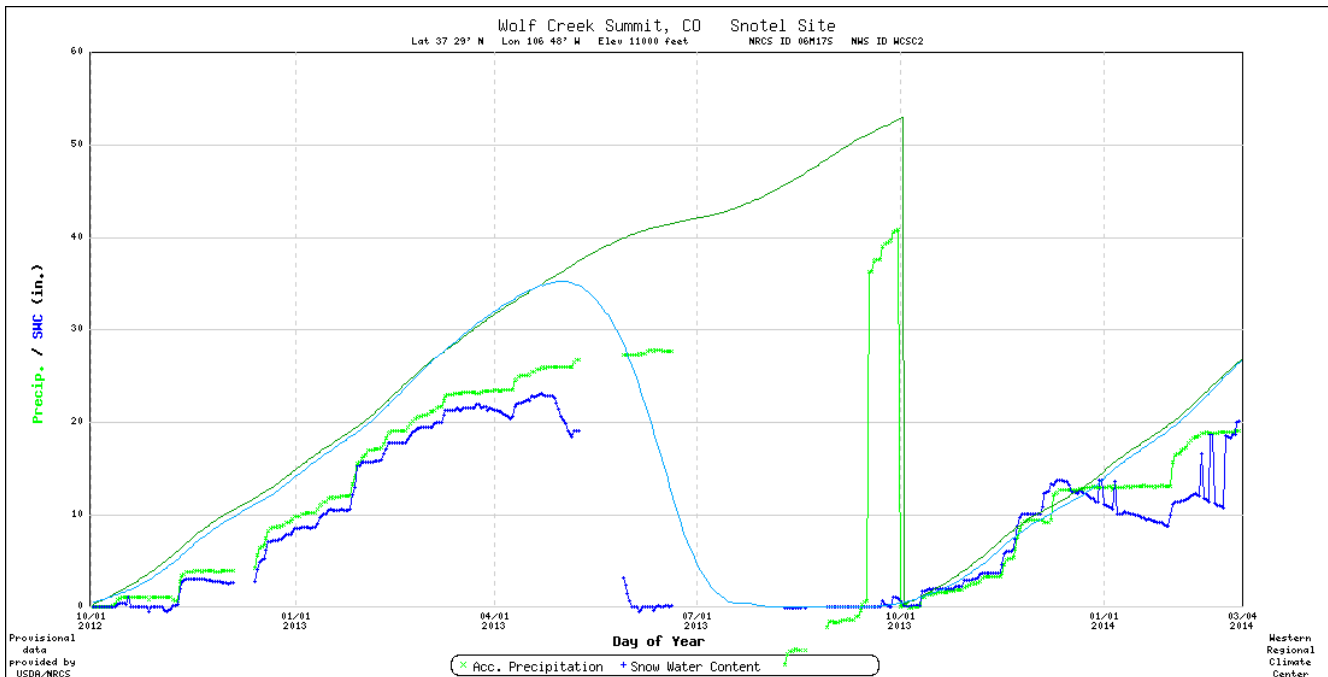
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo March 3, 2014 385,015 acre-feet

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 March 4, 2014

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

UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		89	85
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		65	62
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		70	82

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
335 AM MST TUE MAR 4 2014

TODAY

PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 37 TO 45. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 20 PERCENT.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF SNOW UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 13 TO 23. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 39 TO 47. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 16 TO 24. WEST WINDS AROUND 10 MPH.

THURSDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 42 TO 51. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

THURSDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 23 TO 30.

FRIDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW AND RAIN. HIGHS 38 TO 48.

FRIDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 17 TO 24.

SATURDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 34 TO 43.

SATURDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 14 TO 23.

SUNDAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 39 TO 49.

SUNDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 18 TO 25.

MONDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 41 TO 50.

