

February 16, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

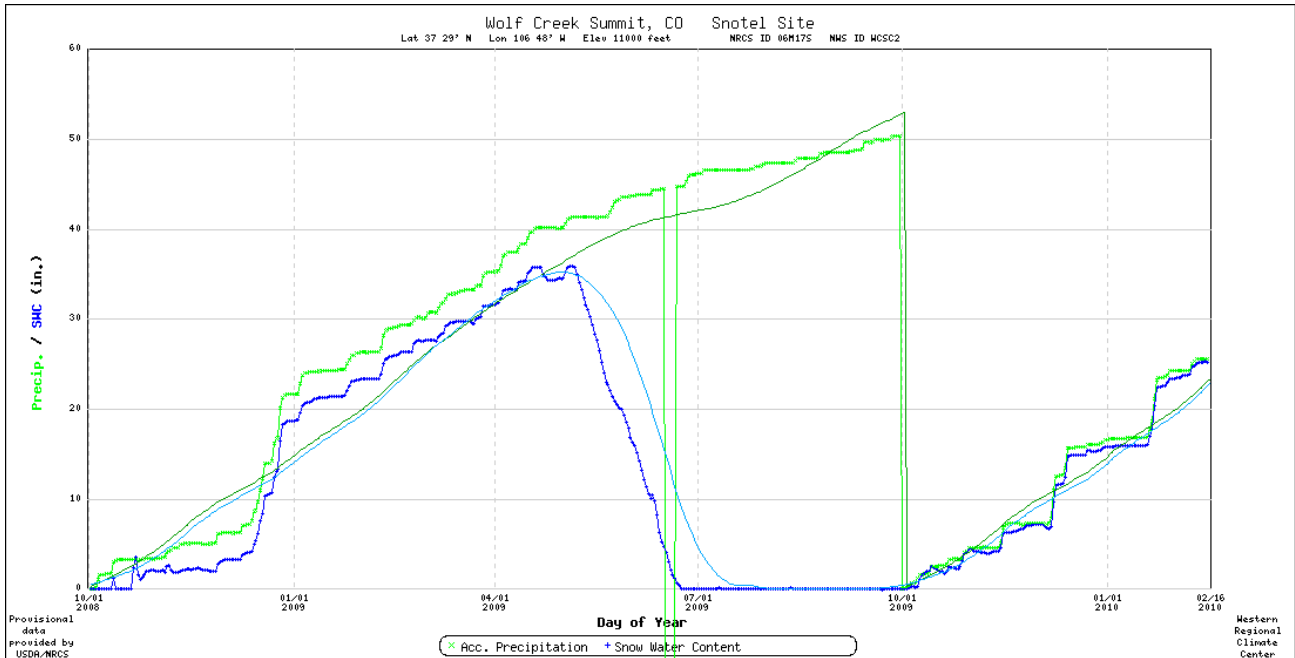
The snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins has slipped a little relative to the average during this past week, although it still remains close to or slightly above average. The chances of snow this coming week are modest, with the highest chances being 30% to 40% Thursday and Friday, then declining to a 10% to 30% chance through Sunday. With two months of the season remaining, there is still time for some significant snowfall. Over the past 20 years the snowpack on February 15 has been about 68% of the eventual snowpack on April 15th. Storage at Elephant Butte and Caballo so far has increased by about 60,000 ac-ft since the beginning of the year, about the same rate as it did last year. Storage however remains about 110,000 ac-ft below last years level.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo February 12, 2010 608,860 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: February 16, 2010

BASIN	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT % Avg	TOTAL PRECIPITATION % Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		103	103
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		110	98
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		106	104

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
355 AM MST TUE FEB 16 2010

TODAY

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 25 TO 32. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TONIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 2 BELOW TO 13 ABOVE ZERO. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 30 TO 36. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 6 TO 14. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

THURSDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE MORNING...THEN CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 32 TO 37. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

THURSDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 10 TO 17.

FRIDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 29 TO 37.

FRIDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 8 TO 17.

SATURDAY

CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 29 TO 37.

SATURDAY NIGHT

CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 10 TO 17.

SUNDAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 32 TO 37.

SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 8 TO 13. HIGHS 35 TO 40.

