

April 19, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

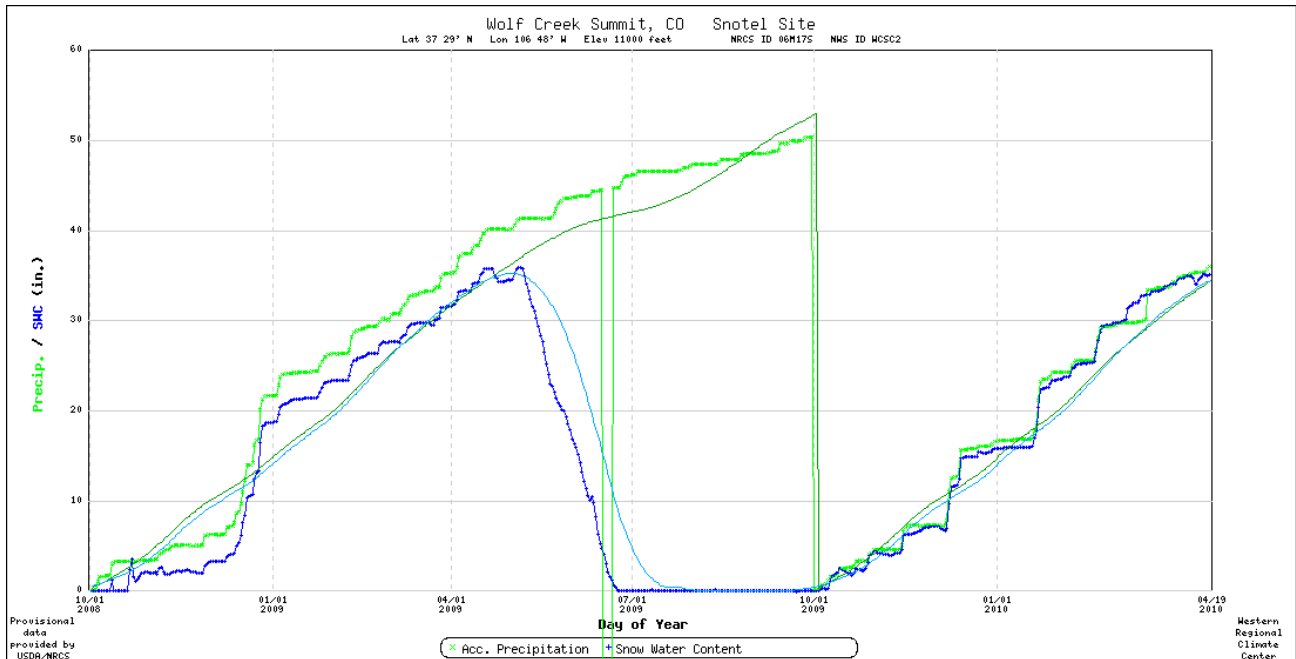
Flow in the Rio Grande is increasing as runoff begins. Upstream at Otowi Bridge flow is well above the median, and has doubled in the past week from about 2000 cfs to 4000 cfs. Downstream at San Marcial flow has also approximately doubled, and is now close to the median and well above last year's flow on this date. As flow in the river has increased and demand has decreased due to recent rains, storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo has also increased a little recently. This might just be a short term response, but if this uptick does mark the beginning of the annual period of increasing storage, it would be earlier than last year. The snowpack in the upper Rio Grande has continued its recent decrease relative to the average, and is now below 90%. There is a 30% to 40% chance of precipitation through Thursday night.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo April 18, 2010 573,786 acre-feet

SNOW - PRECIPITATION UPDATE
Based on Mountain Data from NRCS SNOTEL Sites
As of Monday: April 19, 2010

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	(Ft)	%	%
		Avg	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	89	99
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	99	94
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
	Basin wide percent of average	104	111

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
430 AM MDT MON APR 19 2010

TODAY

PARTLY SUNNY. A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 47 TO 57. LIGHT WINDS.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS EARLY IN THE EVENING...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS UNTIL MIDNIGHT. LOWS 28 TO 34. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

TUESDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 49 TO 57. LIGHT WINDS BECOMING WEST AROUND 10 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

TUESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 27 TO 35. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 20 PERCENT.

WEDNESDAY

CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS EARLY IN THE MORNING. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS LATE IN THE MORNING...THEN CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 46 TO 57. SOUTH WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 40 PERCENT.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

CLOUDY. CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN CHANCE OF SHOWERS AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 26 TO 33. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 40 PERCENT.

THURSDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE MORNING... THEN CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 36 TO 46. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 40 PERCENT.

THURSDAY NIGHT AND FRIDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS 20 TO 25. HIGHS 33 TO 45.

FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS 18 TO 28. HIGHS 37 TO 48.

SATURDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS UNTIL MIDNIGHT...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AFTER MIDNIGHT. LOWS 18 TO 28. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

SUNDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 39 TO 51.

