

## November 23, 2010 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

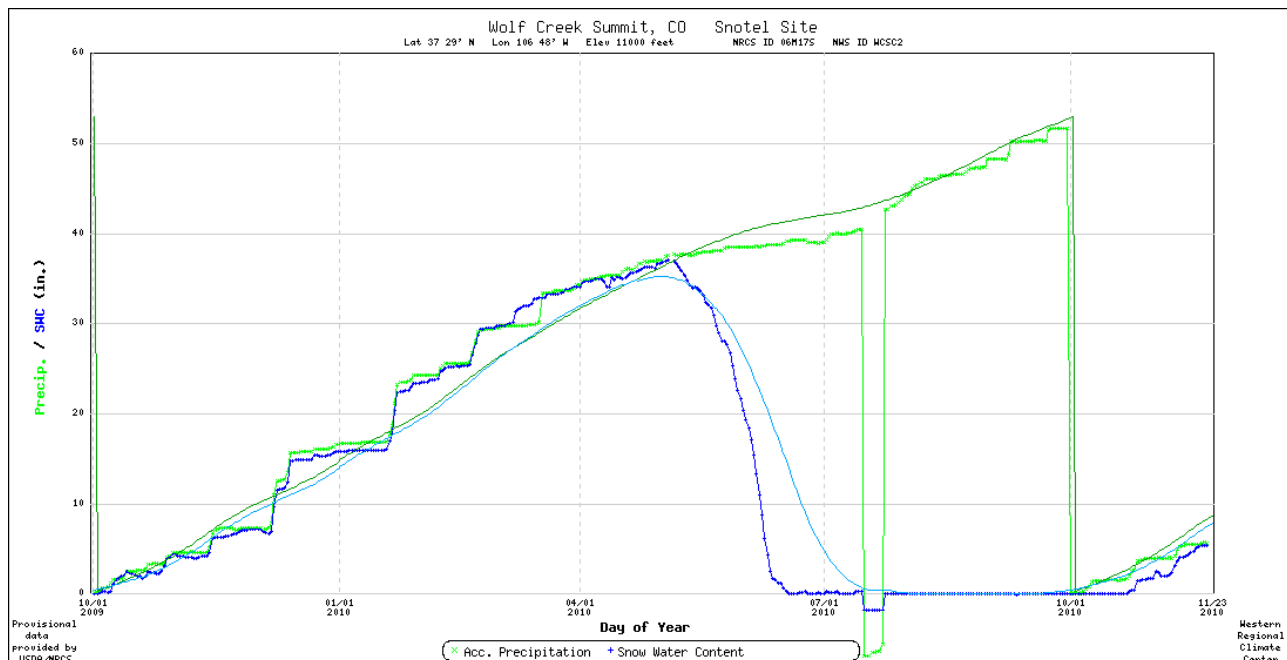
The snowpack increased a little this week relative to the average, but still remains below average for this time of year. The best chance of snow this week is tonight night and Wednesday, at 50%-70% with possible accumulations of 2-5 inches. Storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo dams continues to increase as flow at San Marcial has been 500 to 600 cfs while releases from Caballo have been negligible. The storage increase has been about 1,000 ac-ft per day, and storage has now crept above 400,000 ac-ft for the first time since the first week of September. 400,000 ac-ft is about the median storage on this date during the past nine years.

### COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo November 22, 2010 404,352 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 November 23, 2010

BASIN	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT % Avg	TOTAL PRECIPITATION % Avg
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UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		66	82
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		56	56
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		27	57

### WOLF CREEK



**FORECAST**

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-  
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK  
244 PM MST TUE NOV 23 2010

**TONIGHT**

SOUTHWEST WINDS 15 TO 30 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 55 MPH INCREASING TO 25 TO 45 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 75 MPH AFTER MIDNIGHT. MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW UNTIL MIDNIGHT. CHANCE OF SNOW AFTER MIDNIGHT. SNOW ACCUMULATION OF 1 TO 2 INCHES. LOWS 12 TO 20. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 50 PERCENT.

**WEDNESDAY**

SOUTHWEST WINDS 25 TO 35 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 65 MPH. SNOW LIKELY. SNOW ACCUMULATION OF 2 TO 5 INCHES. HIGHS 18 TO 25. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 70 PERCENT.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW UNTIL MIDNIGHT. LOWS 1 BELOW TO 17 BELOW ZERO. WEST WINDS 10 TO 20 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 35 MPH DECREASING TO UP TO 10 MPH AFTER MIDNIGHT. WIND CHILL READINGS 14 BELOW TO 24 BELOW ZERO AFTER MIDNIGHT.

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 13 TO 21. LIGHT WINDS BECOMING NORTHWEST UP TO 10 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

**THURSDAY NIGHT**

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 8 BELOW TO 4 ABOVE ZERO. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

**FRIDAY THROUGH SATURDAY**

MOSTLY CLEAR. HIGHS 30 TO 41. LOWS 2 TO 18.

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 7 TO 19.

**SUNDAY**

PARTLY SUNNY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 22 TO 31.

**SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY**

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 1 TO 15. HIGHS 19 TO 28.

**MONDAY NIGHT**

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 5 BELOW TO 9 ABOVE ZERO.

**TUESDAY**

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 23 TO 30.

