

## April 26, 2011 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

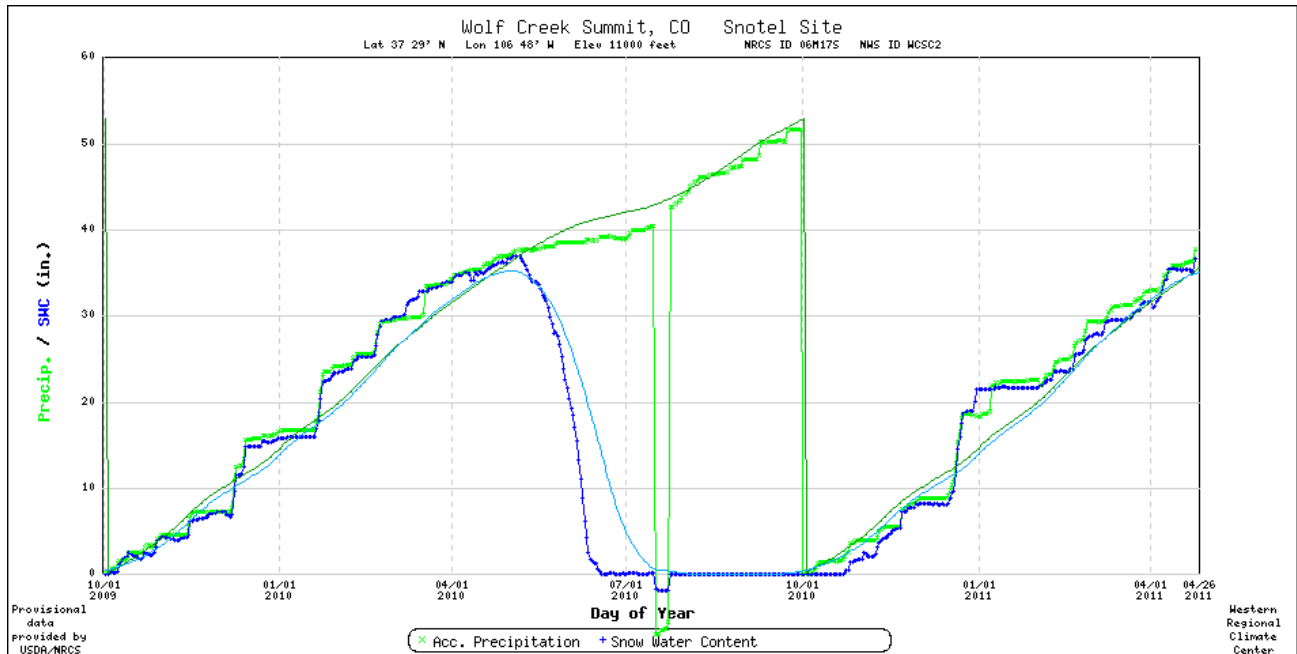
There was a late season increase in the snowpack last week with the Upper Rio Grande receiving an average of 1.4 inches, sufficient to bring it close to the long term average. There is also a good chance of more snow today. Flow in the Rio Grande at San Marcial has been less than 200 cfs, well below the median of about 2500 cfs. However release from Caballo has been running 700 to 1000 cfs and so storage in the dams continues its decline. Total storage is about 100,000 ac-ft below this time last year. Caballo is being filled, with storage now more than 60,000 ac-ft, but storage Elephant Butte has dropped below 400,000 ac-ft.

### COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo April 24, 2011 457,323 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 April 26, 2011

BASIN	ELEV.	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	(Ft)	%	%
		Avg	Avg
<b>UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN</b>			
	Basin wide percent of average	94	101
<b>RIO CHAMA BASIN</b>			
	Basin wide percent of average	75	82
<b>SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS</b>			
	Basin wide percent of average	40	75

### WOLF CREEK



#### FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-  
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK  
338 AM MDT TUE APR 26 2011

TODAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. NUMEROUS SNOW SHOWERS WITH POSSIBLE THUNDERSTORMS. SNOW ACCUMULATION UP TO 1 INCH. HIGHS 31 TO 42. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH INCREASING TO 15 TO 25 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON. GUSTS UP TO 40 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 70 PERCENT.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF THUNDERSTORMS AND SNOW SHOWERS EARLY IN THE EVENING...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS OVERNIGHT. LOWS 7 TO 19. NORTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 20 MPH. GUSTS UP TO 35 MPH UNTIL MIDNIGHT. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 20 PERCENT.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 38 TO 48. NORTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 14 TO 27. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

THURSDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 48 TO 61. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH INCREASING TO 10 TO 15 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

THURSDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 26 TO 34.

FRIDAY

WINDY. PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS IN THE MORNING...THEN SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 46 TO 60. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 10 PERCENT.

FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS 23 TO 33. HIGHS 39 TO 51.

SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS 17 TO 28. HIGHS 42 TO 53.

SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 20 TO 29. HIGHS 44 TO 59.

