

December 6, 2011 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The snowpack improved a little last week, increasing by about one inch snow water equivalent in all three basins. Snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande is at 6.5 inches, just about average. Wolf Creek Summit, at 10.7 inches, is also close to average and about 30% of its average annual maximum. We are still waiting for a good series of storms, such as the 7+ inches accumulation in the Upper Rio Grande during the 2nd half of December last year. Wolfcreek Snow Resort reports 46" of new snow over the last 7 days. The pace of increase in dam storage continues at about 1700 ac-ft/day.

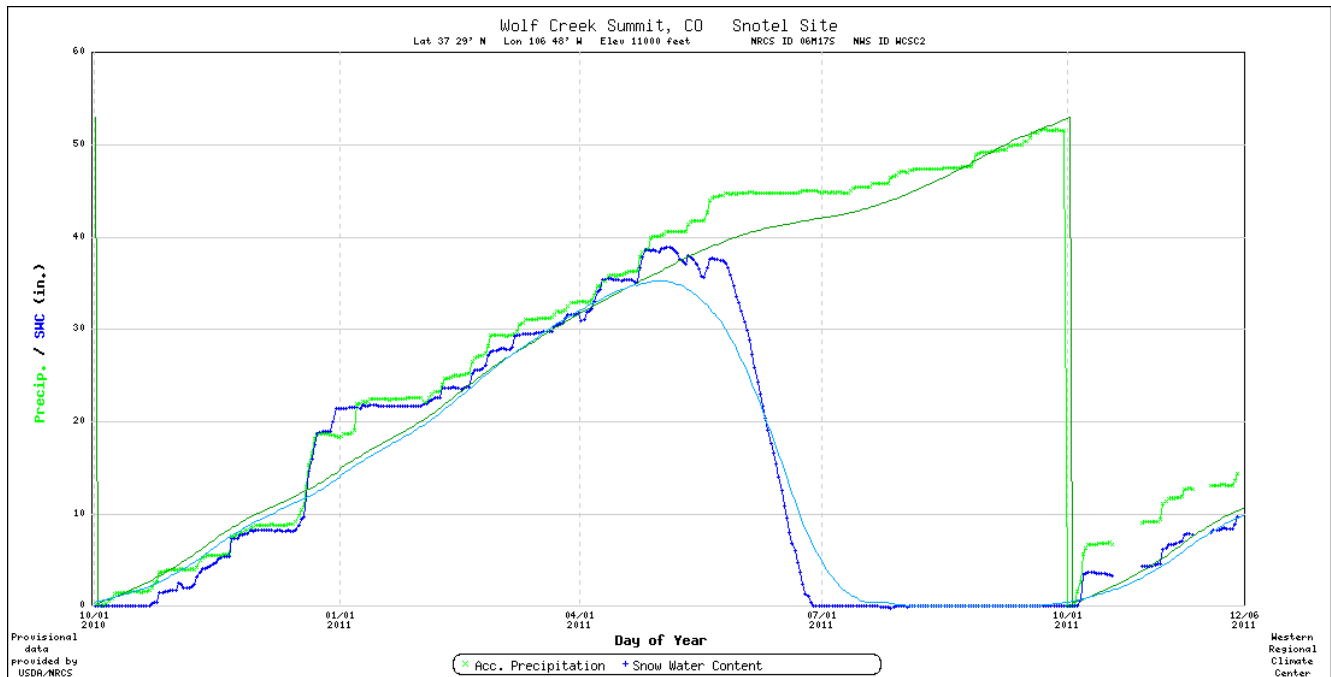
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo December 4, 2011 259,525 acre-feet

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 December 6, 2011

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

UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		97	127
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		124	117
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		105	135

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
 INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
 248 AM MST TUE DEC 6 2011

TODAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 14 TO 21. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. WIND CHILL READINGS 19 BELOW TO 29 BELOW ZERO IN THE MORNING.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 1 BELOW TO 7 ABOVE ZERO. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 27 TO 37. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 2 TO 14. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

THURSDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS NEAR 30. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT.

THURSDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 1 TO 12.

FRIDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. HIGHS 24 TO 31. LOWS 2 BELOW TO 8 ABOVE ZERO.

SATURDAY THROUGH MONDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 27 TO 36. LOWS 2 BELOW TO 8 ABOVE ZERO.

Wolf Creek Pass SNOTEL 1986-2008

