

Jan 9, 2012 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The pattern of the past month is continuing, with the snowpack approximately stagnant and accumulating less than at the average rate. There has still not been a major snowfall, and the snowpack is now below average in all three basins. The Upper Rio Grande is 80% of average (8 inches vs 10 inches). The forecast for the coming week has no mention of snow, and if this holds true the snowpack will further decline relative to the average. Elephant Butte continues to fill at about 1,800 ac-ft per day, as it has for the past month..

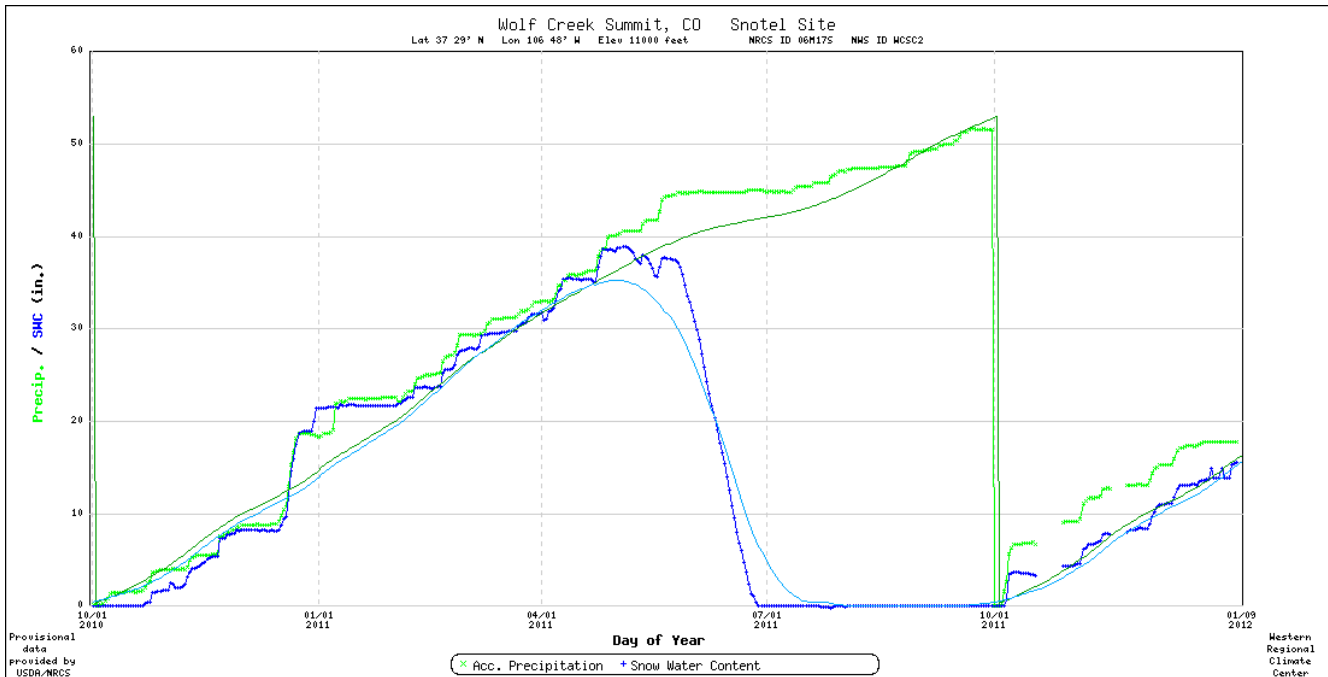
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo January 6, 2012 317,028 acre-feet

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 January 9, 2012

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

UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		79	102
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		79	88
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		96	118

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
403 AM MST MON JAN 9 2012

TODAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 31 TO 38. NORTH WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. WIND CHILL READINGS 10 BELOW TO 20 BELOW ZERO IN THE MORNING.

TONIGHT
MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 6 TO 20. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY
SUNNY. HIGHS 35 TO 43. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY NIGHT
PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 7 TO 21. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY
PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 30 TO 37. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
THROUGH THURSDAY
NIGHT PARTLY CLOUDY.
LOWS 2 BELOW TO 16
ABOVE ZERO. HIGHS 25
TO 30.

FRIDAY
SUNNY. HIGHS 29 TO
35.

FRIDAY NIGHT
PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 3
TO 17.

SATURDAY
SUNNY. HIGHS 32 TO
38.

SATURDAY NIGHT AND
SUNDAY
PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 4
TO 19. HIGHS 34 TO
40.

