

Apr 17, 2012 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

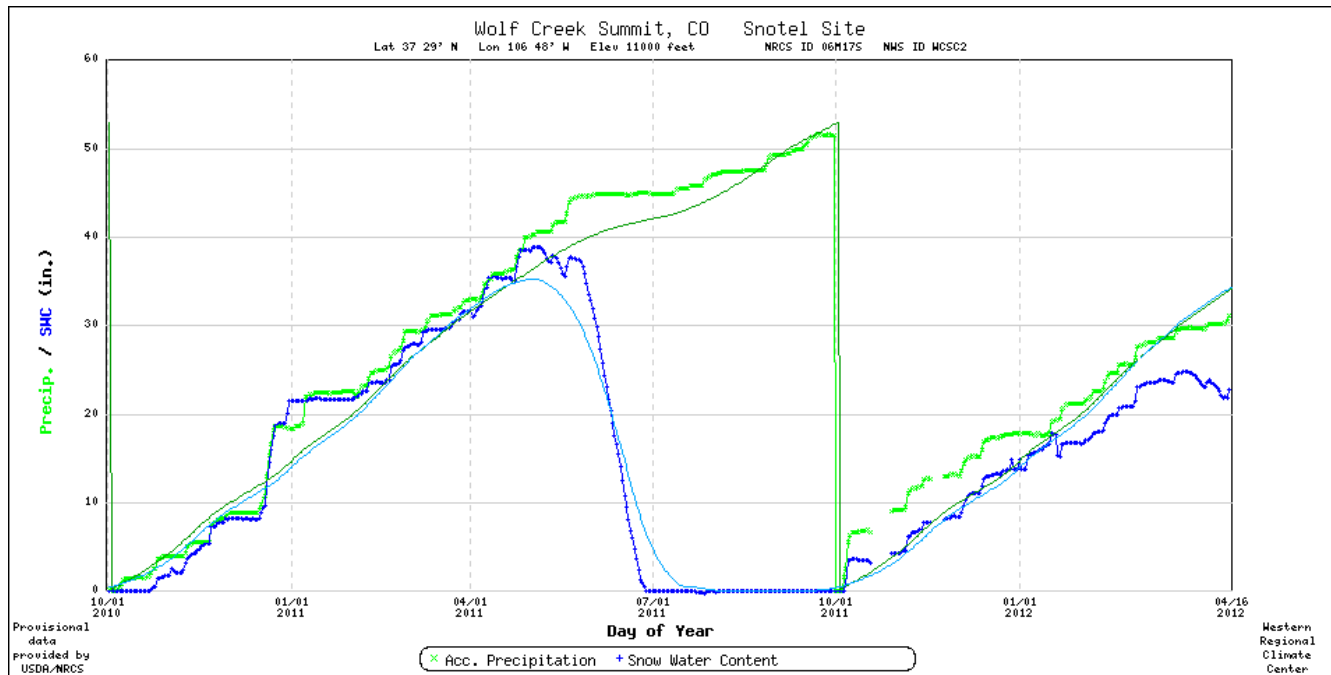
The snowpack continues to melt, with forecast high temperatures around 50-60 degrees and no mention of precipitation until a 20% chance of showers forecast for next Monday. Wolf Creek is now likely past its peak. Releases from Caballo dam have been higher than the river flow at San Marcial (floodway + conveyance channel) and so storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo dams has now started to decrease, with the most recent values being over 5,000 ac-ft lower than a week earlier. Since March 1, the cumulative flow at San Marcial has been 63,000 ac-ft. The most recent (April) NRCS forecast for March to July runoff at San Marcial is 172,000 ac-ft at the 50% exceedance level, and so if this forecast holds true there will be about 110,000 ac-ft more between now and July.

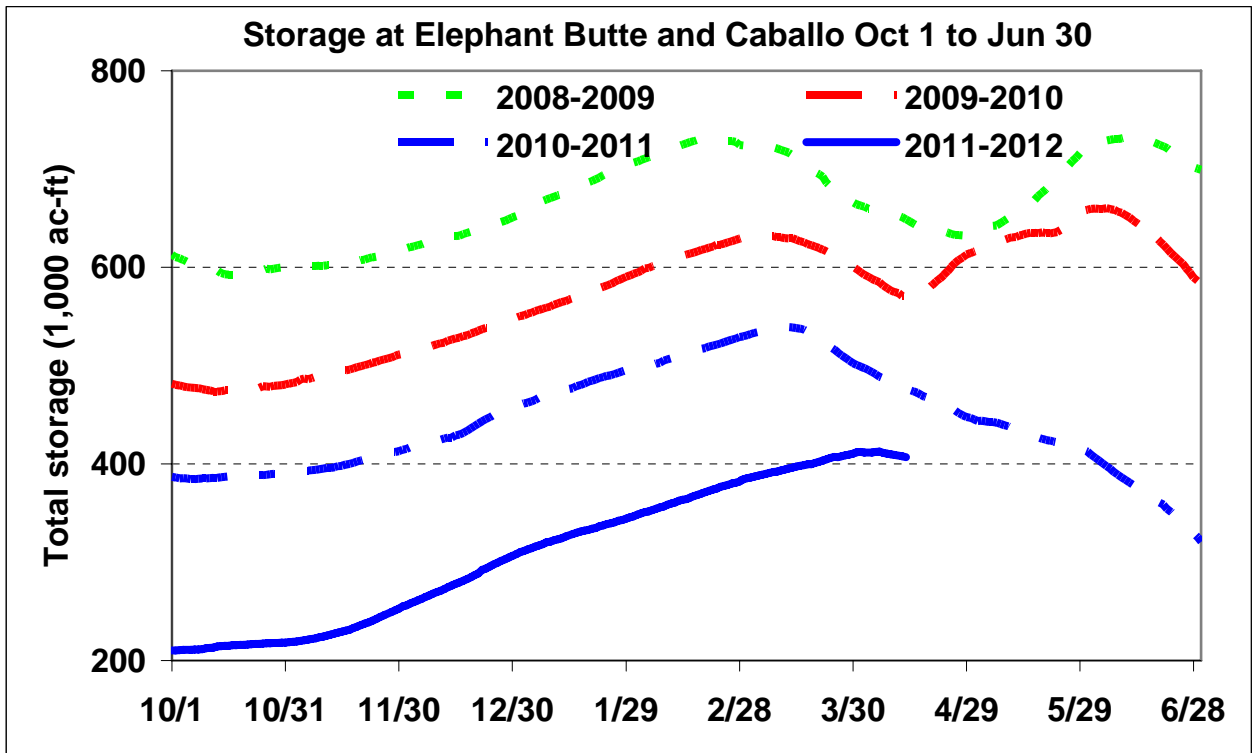
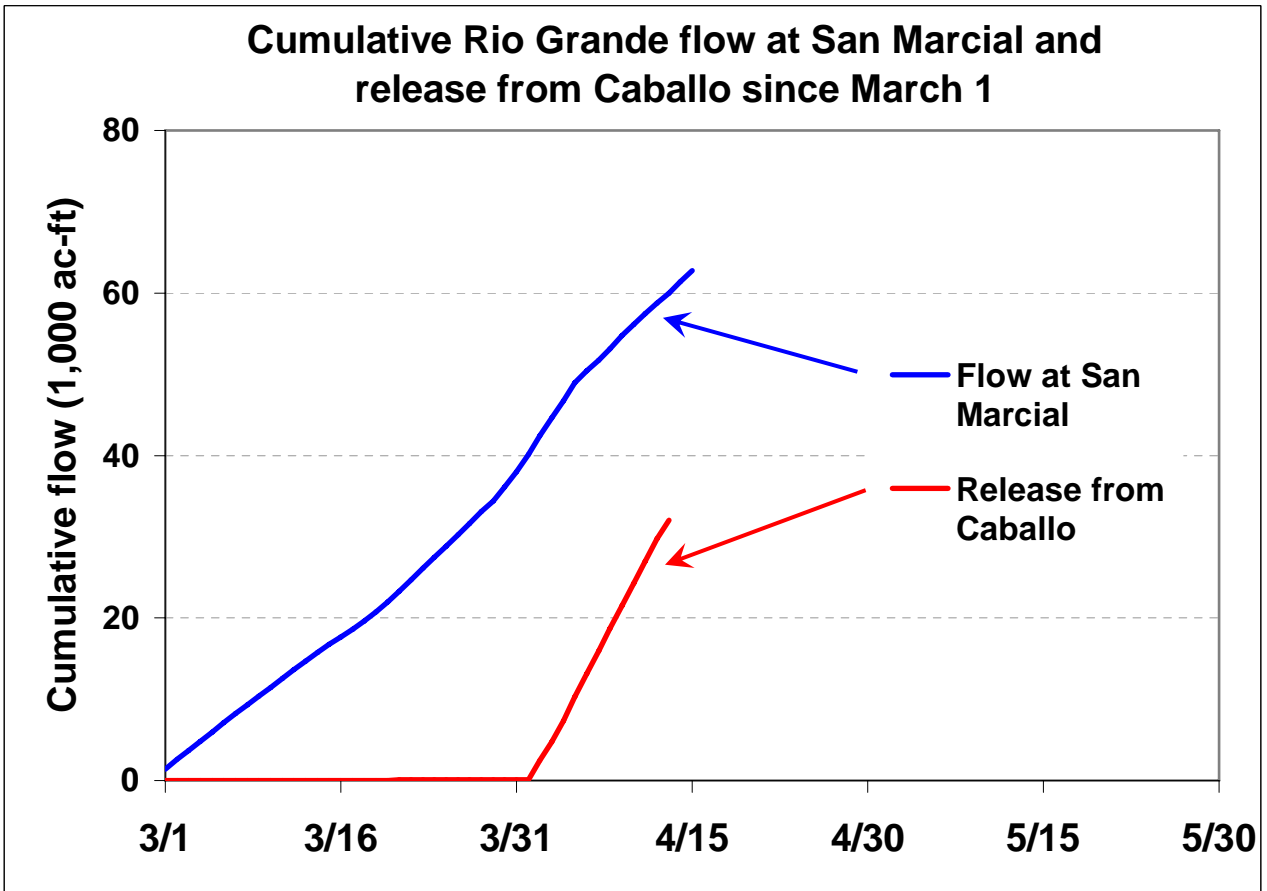
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo April 13, 2012 406,834 acre-feet

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 April 16, 2012

BASIN Data Site Name	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT %	TOTAL PRECIPITATION %
		Avg	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	47	89
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	22	74
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
	Basin wide percent of average	44	102

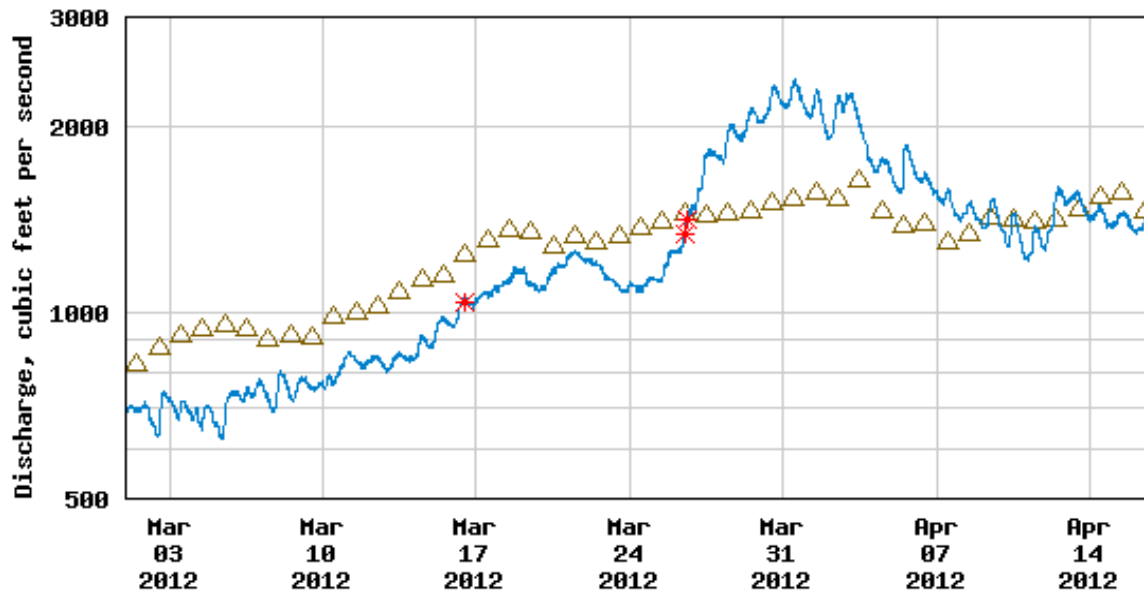
WOLF CREEK







USGS 08313000 RIO GRANDE AT OTOWI BRIDGE, NM

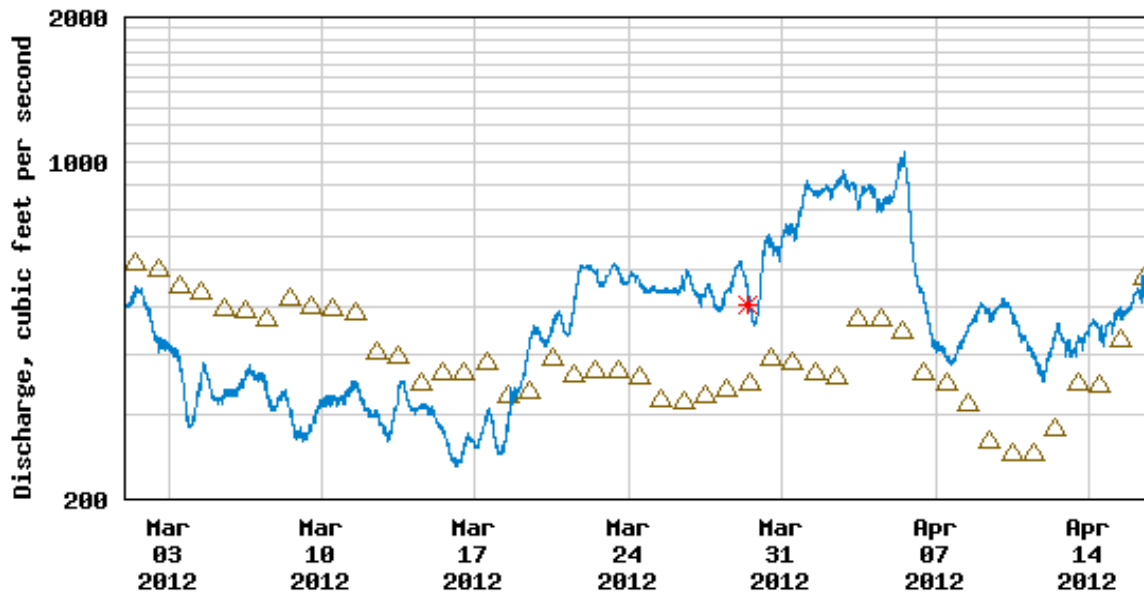


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△ Median daily statistic (40 years) * Measured discharge
— Discharge



USGS 08358400 RIO GRANDE FLOODWAY AT SAN MARCIAL, NM



----- Provisional Data Subject to Revision -----

△ Median daily statistic (48 years) * Measured discharge
— Discharge

