

January 4, 2013 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

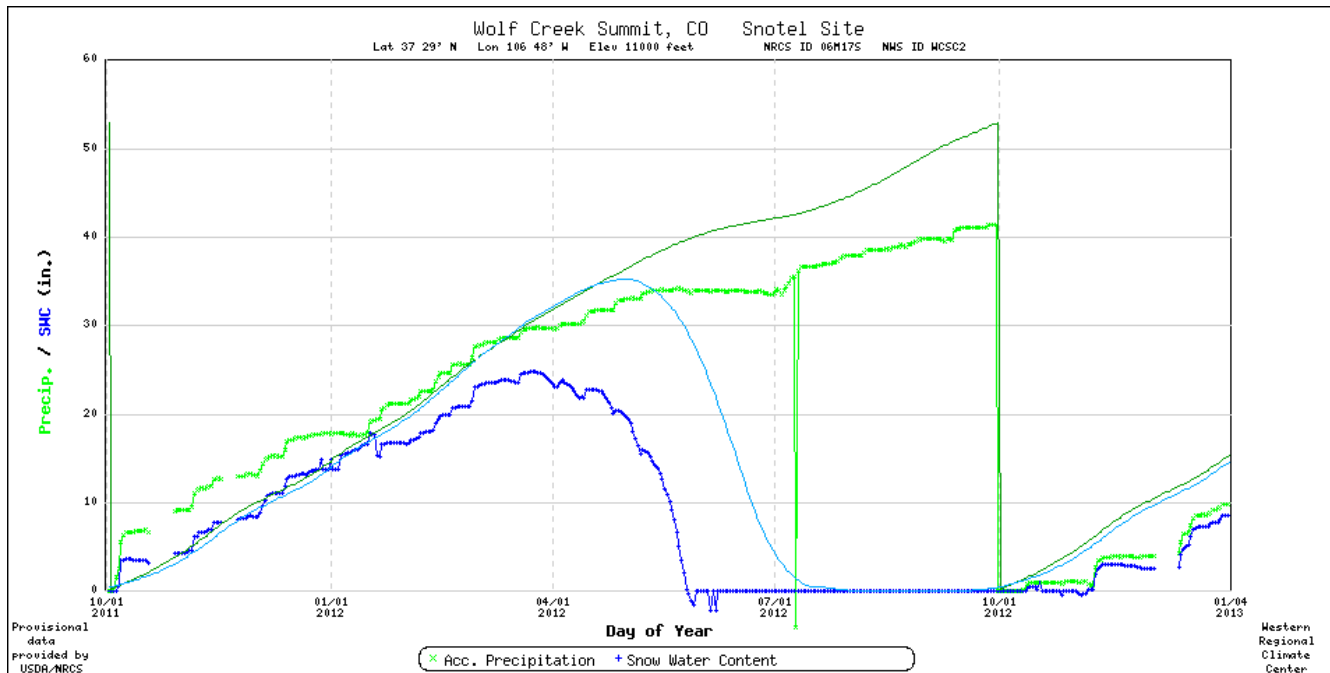
At the beginning of 2013, the snowpack remains below average. Despite the recent snow in the El Paso area, the situation in the Upper Rio Grande Basin has not improved significantly, and there is no mention of new snow in the forecast. We are now about half way through the snow accumulation period in the basin, with the peak snowpack typically occurring around the middle of April. However, we are currently only at 25% of the average peak accumulation of 22 inches. To have an average year in the basin, we need about 17 inches more, which requires an accumulation rate that is above average. However, there is still plenty of time for some good storms that would improve the situation. Meanwhile storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo is currently increasing 1100-1200 ac-ft/day.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo January 4, 2013 171,305 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 Friday January 4, 2013

BASIN Data Site Name	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT %	TOTAL PRECIPITATION %
		Avg	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	62	60
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	75	60
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
	Basin wide percent of average	69	63

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
353 AM MST FRI JAN 4 2013

TODAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 19 TO 27. SOUTHWEST WINDS AROUND 10 MPH IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT. WIND CHILL READINGS 26 BELOW TO 36 BELOW ZERO IN THE MORNING.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 4 BELOW TO 8 ABOVE ZERO. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH. WIND CHILL READINGS 5 BELOW TO 15 BELOW ZERO.

SATURDAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 26 TO 34. WEST WINDS AROUND 10 MPH IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT. WIND CHILL READINGS 6 BELOW TO 16 BELOW ZERO IN THE MORNING.

SATURDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 2 BELOW TO 11 ABOVE ZERO. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

SUNDAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 29 TO 36. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH BECOMING SOUTH IN THE AFTERNOON.

SUNDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS ZERO TO 10.

MONDAY AND MONDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 27 TO 32. LOWS 3 TO 11.

TUESDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 27 TO 34. LOWS 5 TO 13.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND THURSDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 6 TO 13. HIGHS 25 TO 30.

