

March 4, 2013 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

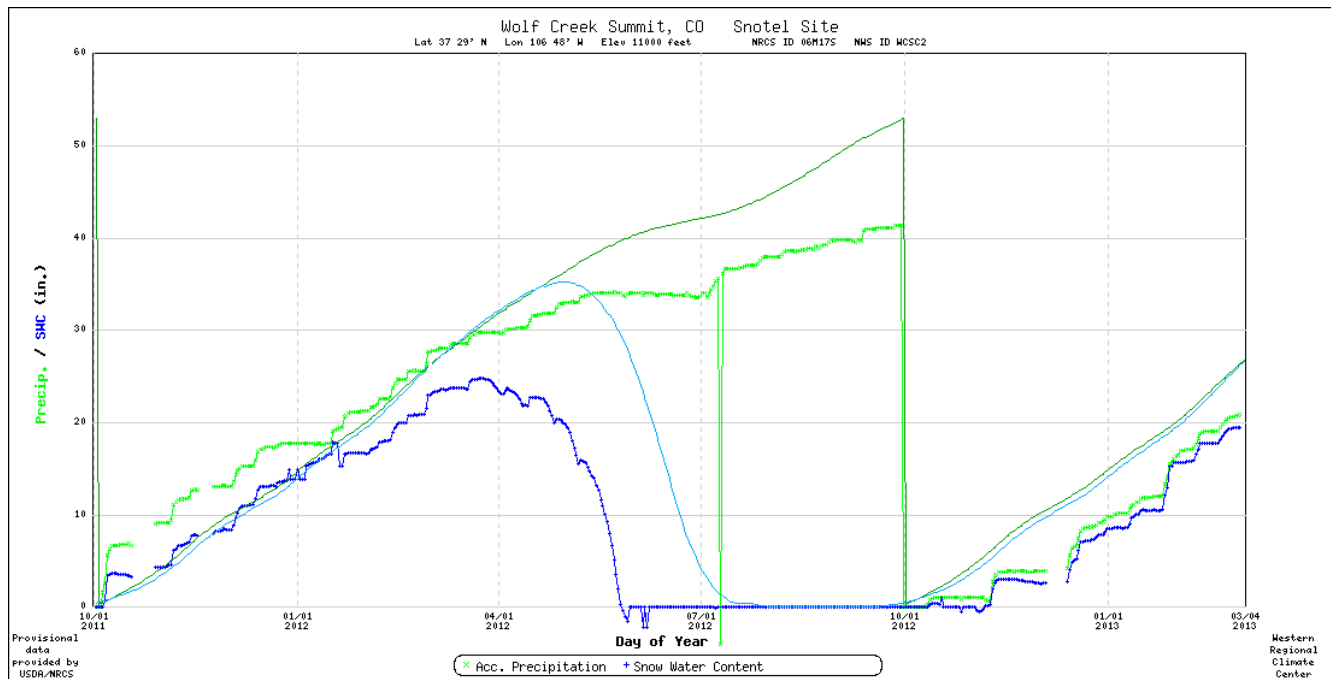
The snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins continues to accumulate at about the average rate. However, we remain below average, at less than 80% in the three basins. There is only about 6 weeks remaining until the maximum average snowpack, and so the rate of snow accumulation required during this period needs to be increasingly higher relative to the average rate if the average maximum is to be achieved this year. In the Upper Rio Grande, this accumulation rate now needs to be over 80% higher than average. There is a 50% chance of some snow today, and a 20% to 40% chance towards the end of the week. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo continues to increase at 800-1,000 ac-ft/day.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo March 1, 2013 217,848 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 Saturday March 4, 2013

BASIN	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	% Avg	% Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN		
Basin wide percent of average	78	73
RIO CHAMA BASIN		
Basin wide percent of average	74	69
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS		
Basin wide percent of average	74	71

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK

350 AM MST MON MAR 4 2013

TODAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. CHANCE OF SNOW THROUGH THE DAY. CHANCE OF RAIN IN THE AFTERNOON. SNOW ACCUMULATION UP TO 1 INCH. HIGHS 28 TO 40. WEST WINDS 15 TO 25 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 45 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 50 PERCENT.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW AND RAIN EARLY IN THE EVENING...THEN MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW EARLY IN THE EVENING. PARTLY CLOUDY OVERNIGHT. LOWS 1 TO 16. NORTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 35 MPH BECOMING WEST AFTER MIDNIGHT. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 20 PERCENT.

TUESDAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 38 TO 45. SOUTH WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 9 TO 20. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 41 TO 49. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 14 TO 26.

THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 39 TO 49. LOWS 12 TO 24.

FRIDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF RAIN AND SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 36 TO 46. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY

CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 11 TO 23. HIGHS 32 TO 38.

SATURDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. LOWS 6 TO 16.

SUNDAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 30 TO 36.

