

March 18, 2013 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

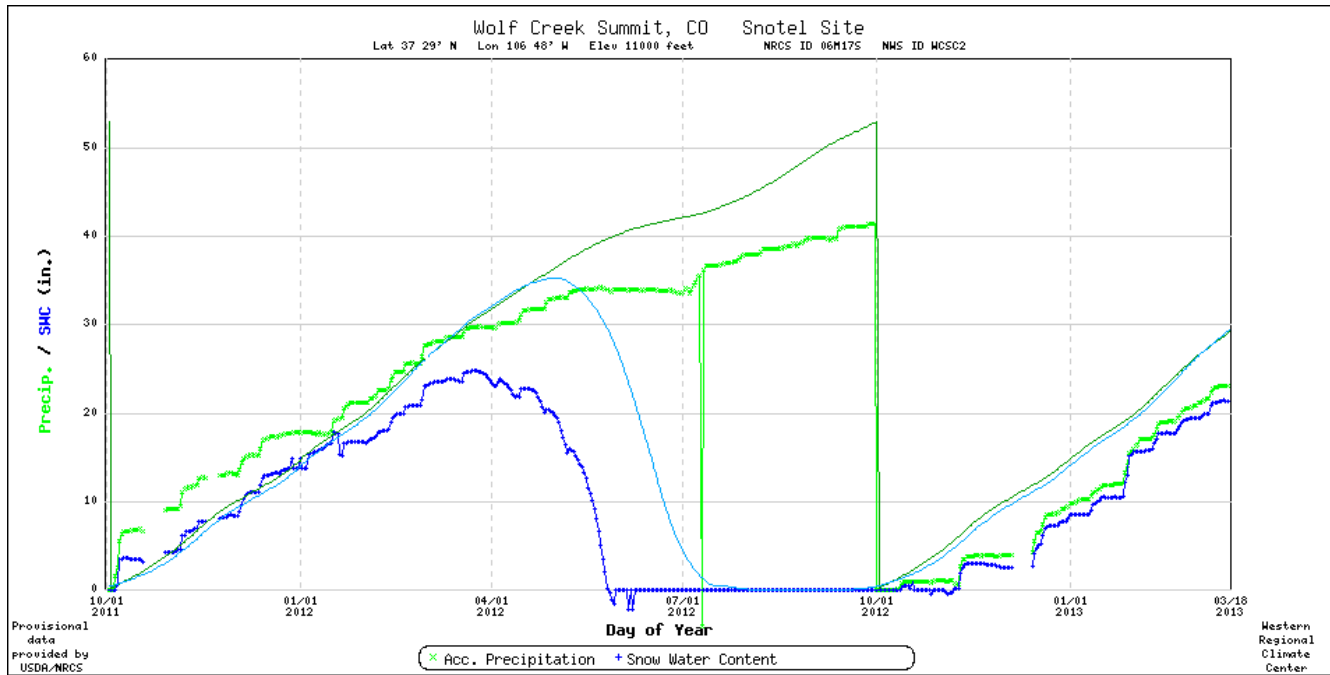
The snowpack remains below 80% of average in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins. The average accumulation in the Upper Rio Grande by the middle of March is over 90% of the average maximum (which occurs around the middle of April). On average, there would be about 3 inches more accumulation, but at this point it would take 8 more inches accumulation to have an average year. There is a 20% to 50% chance of precipitation Wednesday through Thursday, and a 20% chance on Saturday, but no major storms that would enable the basins to significantly narrow the gap. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo has been increasing at 500-600 ac-ft per day, with no release yet from Caballo. The storage is still very low compared to previous years at this time of year.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo March 15, 2013 226,180 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 March 18, 2013

BASIN	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT	TOTAL PRECIPITATION
Data Site Name	% Avg	% Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN		
Basin wide percent of average	79	72
RIO CHAMA BASIN		
Basin wide percent of average	69	67
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS		
Basin wide percent of average	76	73

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

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

306 AM MDT MON MAR 18 2013

TODAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 34 TO 44. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 40 MPH INCREASING TO 10 TO 25 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

TONIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 12 TO 22. WEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH.

TUESDAY

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 41 TO 49. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 16 TO 26. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 43 TO 52. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 20 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS 21 TO 30.

THURSDAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 39 TO 49.

THURSDAY NIGHT THROUGH FRIDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 8 TO 21. HIGHS 34 TO 42.

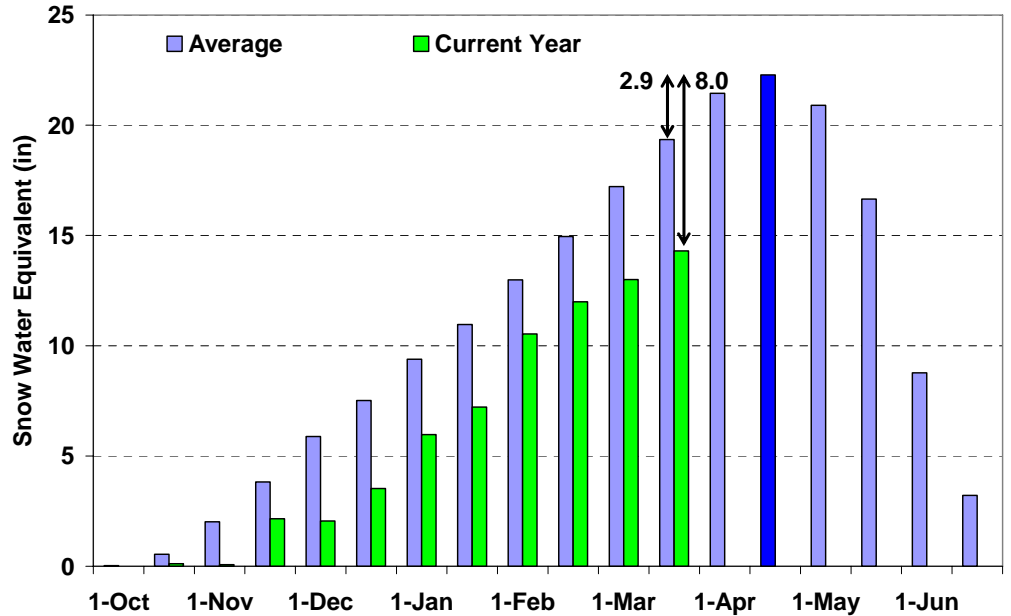
SATURDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW. HIGHS 35 TO 42.

SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 10 TO 22. HIGHS 37 TO 45.

Upper Rio Grande Snowpack



Storage at Elephant Butte and Caballo Oct 1 to Jun 30

