

# April 3, 2013 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

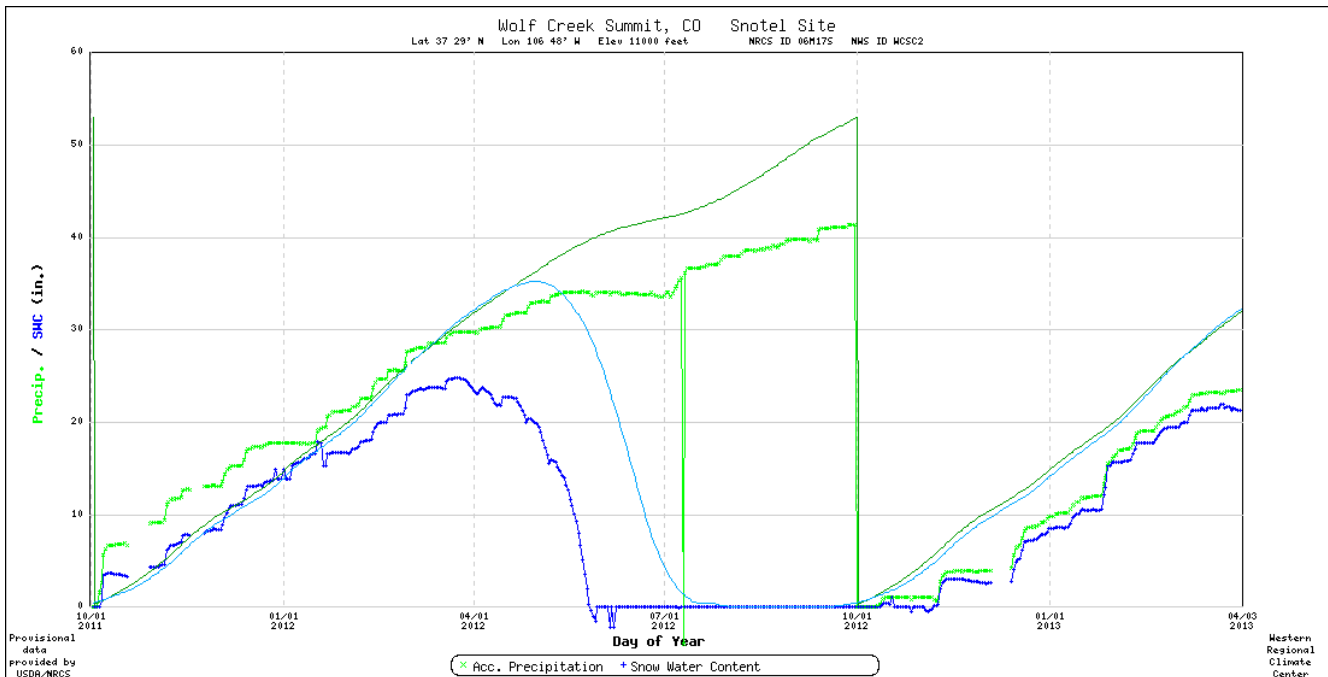
The snowpack in the Upper Rio Grande, Rio Chama and Sangre de Cristo basins has declined relative to the average this past week, and now at the beginning of April it is below 65% with time running out to catch up. Wolf Creek summit, at 21.1 inches, is now at 67% of the median and, without some good additional accumulation in the near future, could already be past its peak. However, there is no indication of any good storms in the forecast for this week. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo is lower than in any of the previous 4 years at the end of March, and the increase in storage has been less than 300 ac-ft per day this past week. Caballo is at 10,600 ac-ft compared to 26,900 ac-ft on this date a year ago. Upstream at Otowi Bridge, the flow in the Rio Grande has been slowly increasing but is well below the daily median.

## COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo April 1, 2013 231,085 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 3, 2013

BASIN Data Site Name	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT %	TOTAL PRECIPITATION %
	Avg	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN		
Basin wide percent of average	65	65
RIO CHAMA BASIN		
Basin wide percent of average	58	61
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS		
Basin wide percent of average	62	66

### WOLF CREEK



### FORECAST

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

355 AM MDT WED APR 3 2013

**TODAY**

PARTLY SUNNY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW EARLY IN THE MORNING. SLIGHT CHANCE OF RAIN SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 42 TO 49. NORTH WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 20 PERCENT.

**TONIGHT**

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 21 TO 28. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

**THURSDAY**

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 48 TO 58. SOUTH WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

**THURSDAY NIGHT**

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 25 TO 32. SOUTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

**FRIDAY**

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 50 TO 60. SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH INCREASING TO 15 TO 25 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

MOSTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 24 TO 32.

**SATURDAY**

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS 47 TO 56.

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS 23 TO 31.

**SUNDAY**

PARTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 45 TO 55.

**SUNDAY NIGHT**

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS AND SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOWS 23 TO 32. CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION 30 PERCENT.

**MONDAY**

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW. HIGHS 40 TO 49.

**MONDAY NIGHT**

MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW AND RAIN. LOWS 20 TO 28.

**TUESDAY**

CLOUDY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW. HIGHS 39 TO 46.

