

November 25, 2013 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

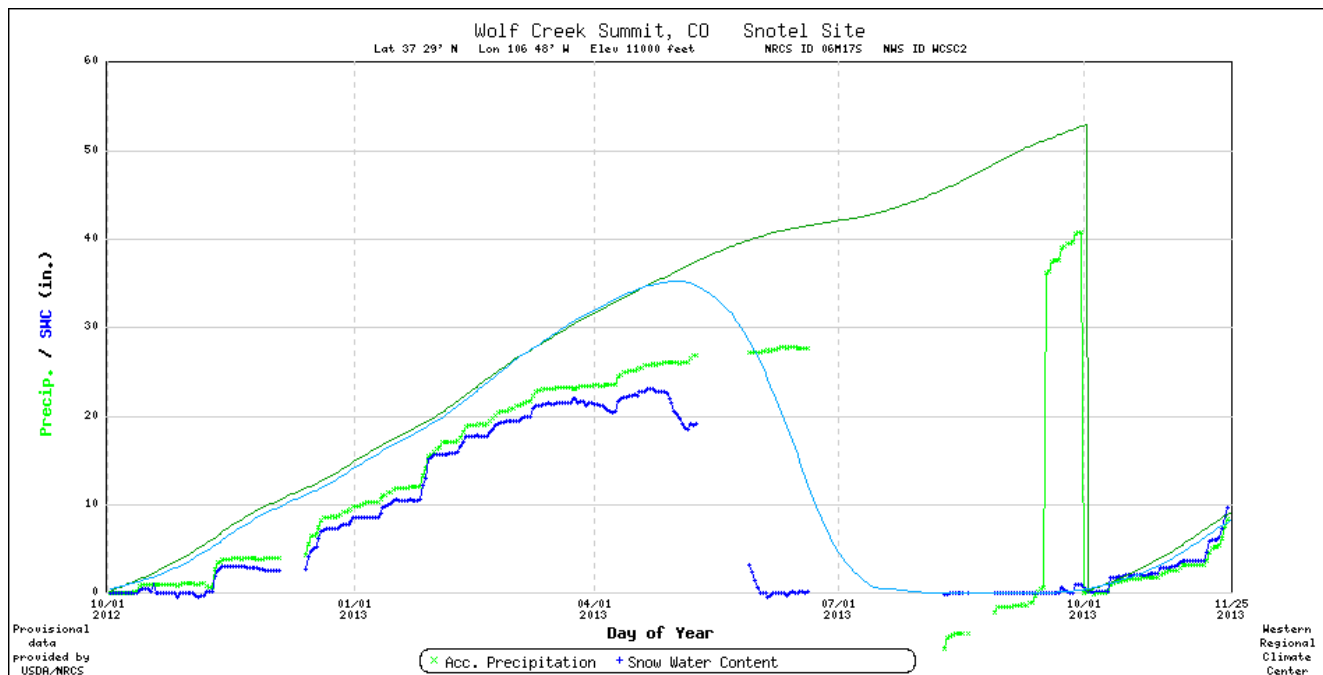
We are now almost at Thanksgiving day, and so far this year it is looking good, at least compared to this time last year. The snowpack in the three basins is now well above average, but of course it is still too early to speculate about the rest of the season. Wolf Creek Summit is at 10 inches compared to the median of 7.5 inches, but there is almost 30 inches to go before we reach the median peak, and there is not much chance of snow in the forecast this week. Storage is over 260,000 ac-ft compared to 125,000 ac-ft this time last year, and increasing at about 1,500 ac-ft per day. The last hydrologic year (2012-2013) was comparable to past extreme drought years in terms of storage and release at Elephant Butte, and worse than the previous year.

COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo November 22, 2013 260,418 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 November 25, 2013

BASIN Data Site Name	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT %	TOTAL PRECIPITATION %
		Avg	Avg
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	149	111
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
	Basin wide percent of average	141	89
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
	Basin wide percent of average	206	133

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

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

REST OF TODAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS 28 TO 35. NORTH WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH WITH GUSTS TO AROUND 40 MPH.

TONIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY UNTIL MIDNIGHT THEN CLEARING. LOWS 9 TO 15. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY

SUNNY. HIGHS 32 TO 41. NORTHWEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

TUESDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE TEENS. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS 36 TO 46. LIGHT WINDS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND THANKSGIVING DAY

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS IN THE TEENS. HIGHS 36 TO 44.

THURSDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS IN THE TEENS.

FRIDAY THROUGH SATURDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 34 TO 42. LOWS 14 TO 20.

SUNDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY WITH A 10 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN AND SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 33 TO 40.

**Elephant Butte dam in extreme drought years
1952-1957, 1964, and 2011-2013**

Storage at the end of the month + release during the month

