

December 23, 2013 RESERVOIR LEVEL AND SNOW UPDATE

The snowpack has recently been declining relative to the average. There has been little new snow during the past two weeks, and the snowpack is now just about average in the Upper Rio Grande, with Wolf Creek Summit currently at 12.3 inches snow water equivalent, a slight reduction since the last report, resulting in the snowpack being slightly below the median of 13 inches water equivalent. As there is very little new snow in the forecast for this week, we might end the year at or below average if we don't get a good storm. We are considerably better off though than in this period last year. Storage in Elephant Butte/Caballo has now exceeded 300,000 ac-ft, with 1,200 - 1,500 ac-ft added daily this past week.

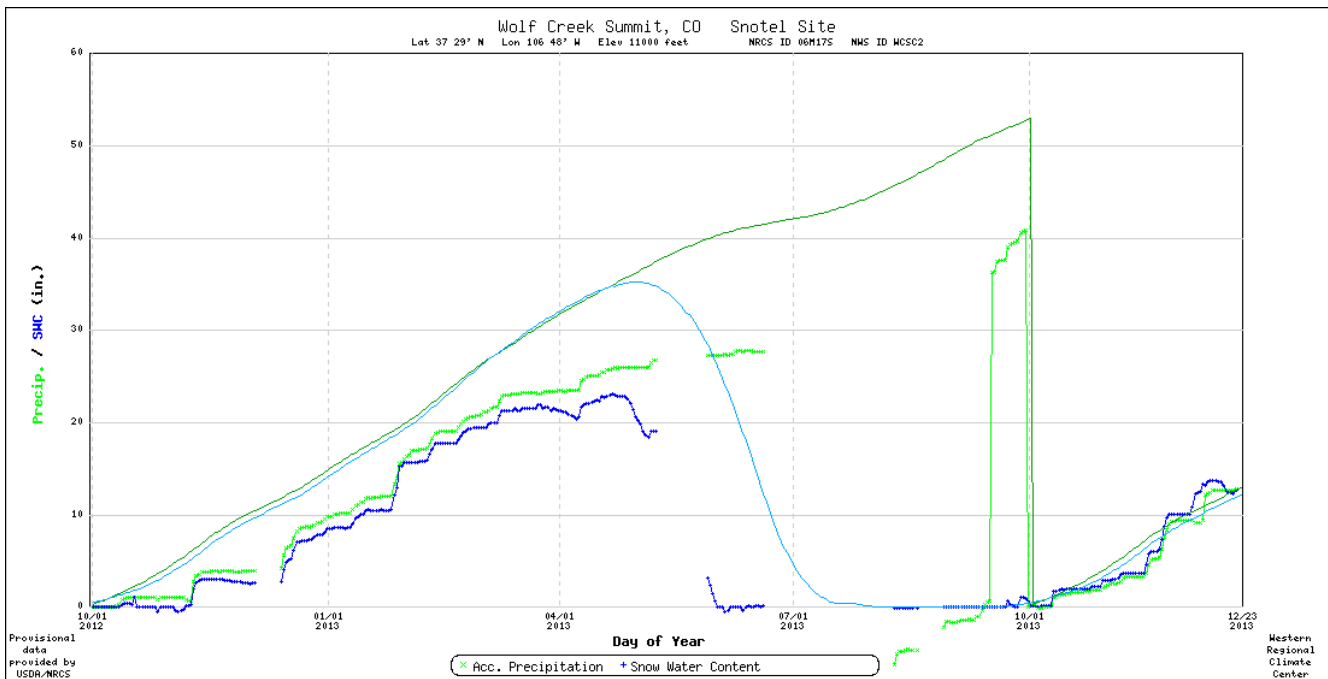
COMBINED STORAGE Elephant Butte and Caballo December 22, 2013 306,966 acre-feet

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 December 23, 2013

BASIN Data Site Name	ELEV. (Ft)	SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT %	TOTAL PRECIPITATION %
		Avg	Avg

UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		102	95
RIO CHAMA BASIN			
Basin wide percent of average		83	76
SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAIN RANGE BASINS			
Basin wide percent of average		110	104

WOLF CREEK



FORECAST

UPPER RIO GRANDE VALLEY/EASTERN SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS BELOW 10000 FT-
INCLUDING...CREEDE...SOUTH FORK
253 AM MST MON DEC 23 2013

TODAY

SUNNY. HIGHS NEAR 30. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH. WIND CHILL READINGS 5 BELOW TO 15 BELOW ZERO IN THE MORNING.

TONIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 4 TO 14. WEST WINDS AROUND 10 MPH.

TUESDAY

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER TO MID 30S. SOUTHWEST WINDS AROUND 10 MPH.

TUESDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS 2 TO 13. SOUTHWEST WINDS AROUND 10 MPH.

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 30S. WEST WINDS UP TO 10 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT THROUGH THURSDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 1 TO 17. HIGHS IN THE LOWER TO MID 30S.

FRIDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT

PARTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS NEAR 40. LOWS 9 TO 18.

SATURDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT

MOSTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS 33 TO 38. LOWS 7 TO 18.

SUNDAY

PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS NEAR 30.

