

Snowpack and Streamflow Comparisons February 1, 2009



Snow Water Content

% of Average

Colorado's Statewide Snowpack	128%
Upper Colorado River ⁽¹⁾	122%
South Platte Tributaries ⁽²⁾	97%

Snow-Water Content Comparisons (inches) ⁽³⁾

Watershed	February 1, 2009 Snow-Water Content			February 1 Comparative Snow-Water Content			
	2009	Average	% Avg	2008	2007	2006	2005
Blue River	8.6	7.8	111%	8.4	7.4	11.3	5.9
Upper Colorado River	11.0	9.9	111%	9.3	10.3	11.6	9.0
Willow Creek	7.3	6.4	113%	8.2	7.2	7.0	8.1
Fraser River	11.2	8.8	127%	9.8	9.2	12.4	8.5
Poudre River	10.1	8.6	118%	8.9	10.0	10.1	7.4
Big Thompson River	9.6	8.7	111%	8.7	11.1	9.6	7.9
St. Vrain River	6.9	6.4	108%	6.2	9.2	7.7	5.4
Boulder Creek	7.4	7.0	104%	6.8	10.0	8.5	7.1

Apr-Jul Maximum, Minimum and Most Probable Streamflow Forecasts (1000 af)

Watershed	Forecast Minimum	Most Probable	Forecast Maximum	Apr-Jul Average	Most Prob % Average
Blue River	217	300	395	263	114%
Upper Colorado River	184	243	310	218	111%
Willow Creek	38	55	74	48	115%
Fraser River	101	137	173	112	122%
Poudre River	160	239	357	223	107%
Big Thompson River	59	89	136	92	97%
St. Vrain River	52	79	121	89	89%
Boulder Creek	35	51	70	56	92%
South Platte Tributaries		459		460	100%

Precipitation

	Totals	Average	% Average
Jan	0.24	0.38	62%
Nov-Jan	0.89	1.47	61%

- (1) Includes the Colorado, Willow Creek, Fraser and Blue River Watersheds
 (2) Includes the Poudre, Big Thompson, Saint Vrain and Boulder Creek Watersheds
 (3) the method of computing watershed averages has been adjusted from prior years