

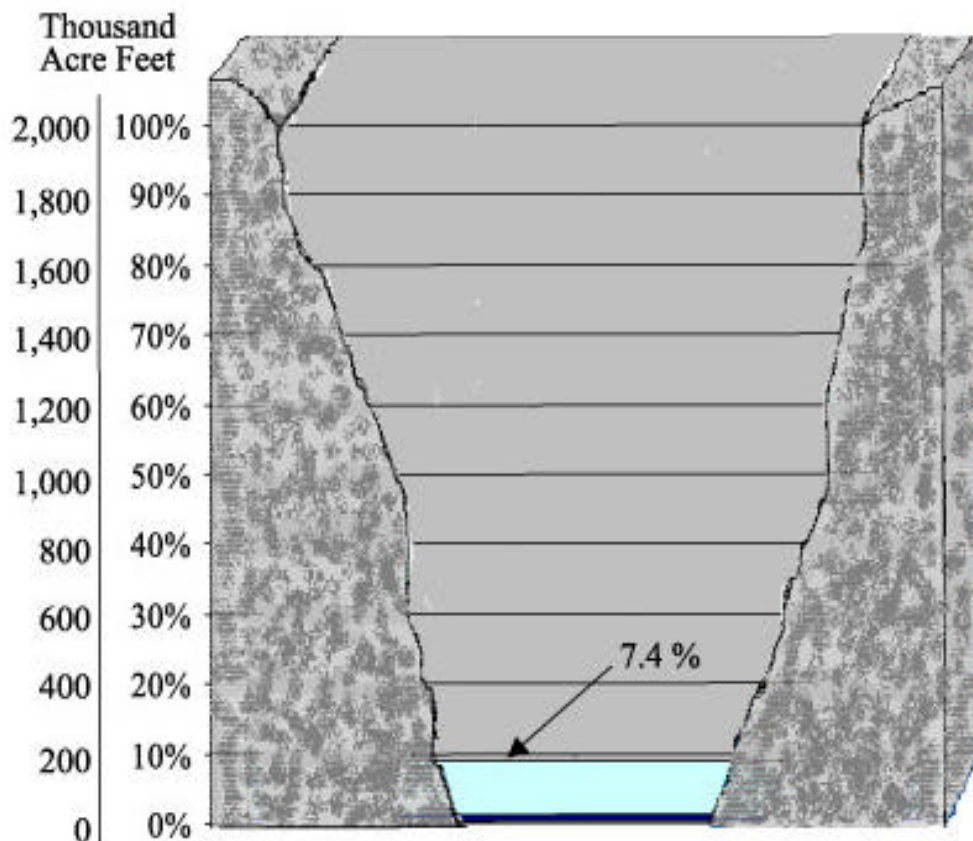


# Drought Watch on the Rio Grande

## Surface Water Supply Available September 9, 2003

### Combined Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoir Storage

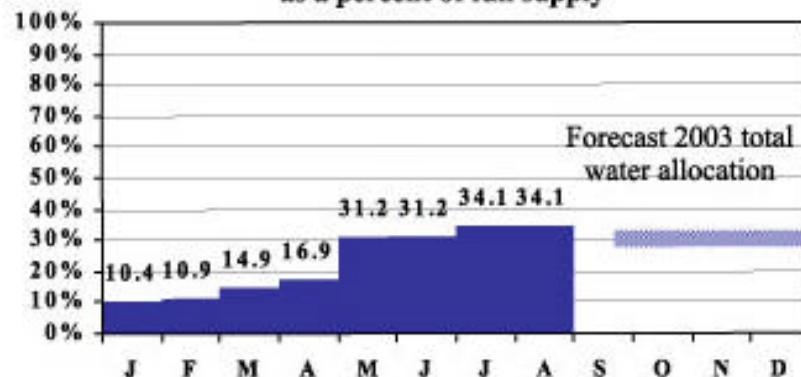
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### Water Supply Forecasts

- **Surface water supply** (runoff) to Elephant Butte Reservoir for the year is forecast to be only **11%** of the 30-year average.
- The major source of Rio Grande water is the snow pack in the mountains of Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico. Inflows to Elephant Butte Reservoir in August were only 3% of average.
- Water allocations are based on available water supply. Total 2003 **allocation** forecast will most likely not increase more than the present allocation of **34.1%** of a full supply.

### Water allocation to agricultural and urban users as a percent of full supply



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