

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

RIO GRANDE PROJECT

INFLOW TO ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR AT SAN MARCIAL STATIONS

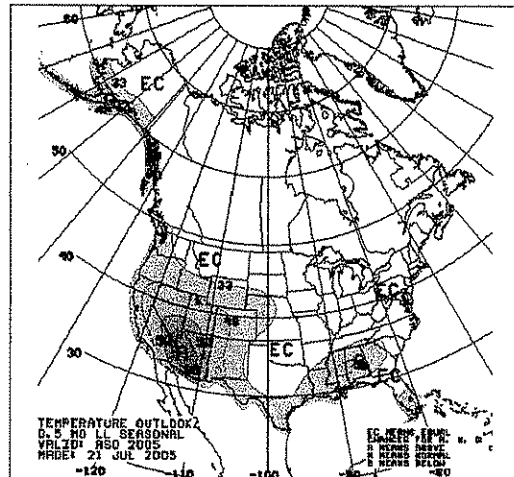
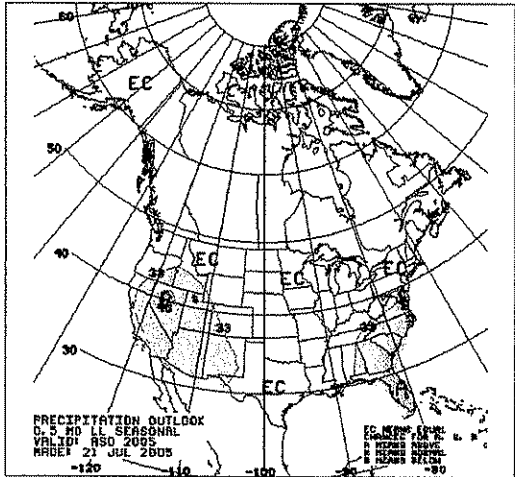
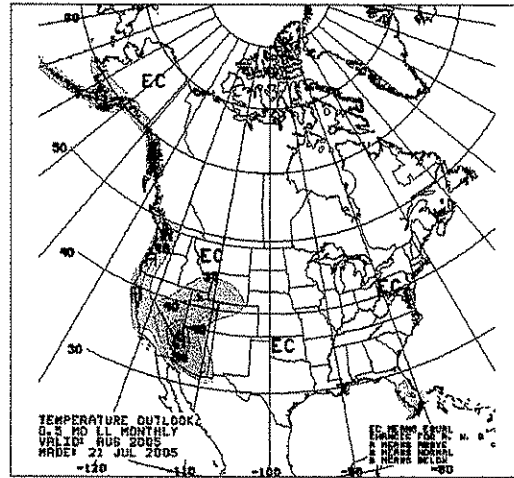
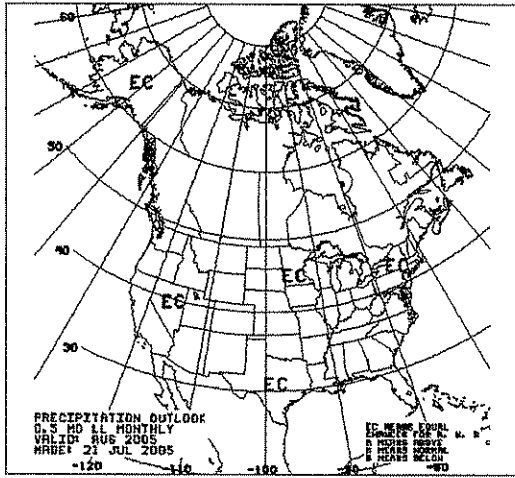
2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total
	51,060	53,875	63,767	119,944	271,321	251,972	41,393	853,332
Avg.	47,000	48,000	60,000	120,000	195,000	130,000	68,000	668,000

Since Jan. 1, 2005 = 127.7% of average

2005 Mar-Jul = 130.6% of average

Mar-Jul = 748,397 AF



Climate Outlook

The key below is used to interpret each of the color versions of the *Climate Outlook* products. In areas where confidence in predictive skill has been established, the probabilities of the above normal, near normal or below normal categories are increased accordingly above the Climatology level of 1/3 (33.3%) for each category. These probabilities are contoured using colors as depicted in the key below.

In those areas where the skill of our present prediction tools is not sufficient, the default is equal chances (white color). The probabilities of experiencing each of the three categories (above normal, near normal or below normal) remain equally likely (1/3) in the white areas on attached maps.

Precip	Temp	Probability anomaly as shown on map	Probability of occurrence for each Equal			Most likely category
			A	N	B	
[Dark Stippled]	[Dark Stippled]	40%-50%	73.3%-83.3%	13.3%-13.3%	3.3%	"Above"
		30%-40%	63.3%-73.3%	33.3%-23.3%	3.3%	"Above"
		20%-30%	53.3%-63.3%	33.3%	13.3%-3.3%	"Above"
		10%-20%	43.3%-53.3%	33.3%	23.3%-13.3%	"Above"
		5%-10%	33.3%-43.3%	33.3%	23.3%-23.3%	"Above"
[Medium Stippled]	[Medium Stippled]	0%-5%	30.3%-33.3%	33.3%-33.3%	30.3%-33.3%	"Near Normal"
		5%-10%	28.3%-30.3%	38.3%-43.3%	28.3%-30.3%	"Near Normal"
[Light Stippled]	[Light Stippled]	0%-5%	33.3%-28.3%	33.3%	33.3%-33.3%	"Below"
		5%-10%	28.3%-13.3%	33.3%	38.3%-43.3%	"Below"
		10%-20%	23.3%-13.3%	33.3%	43.3%-53.3%	"Below"
		20%-30%	13.3%-3.3%	33.3%	53.3%-63.3%	"Below"
		30%-40%	3.3%	33.3%-23.3%	63.3%-73.3%	"Below"
[White]	[White]	0%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	"Equal Chances"

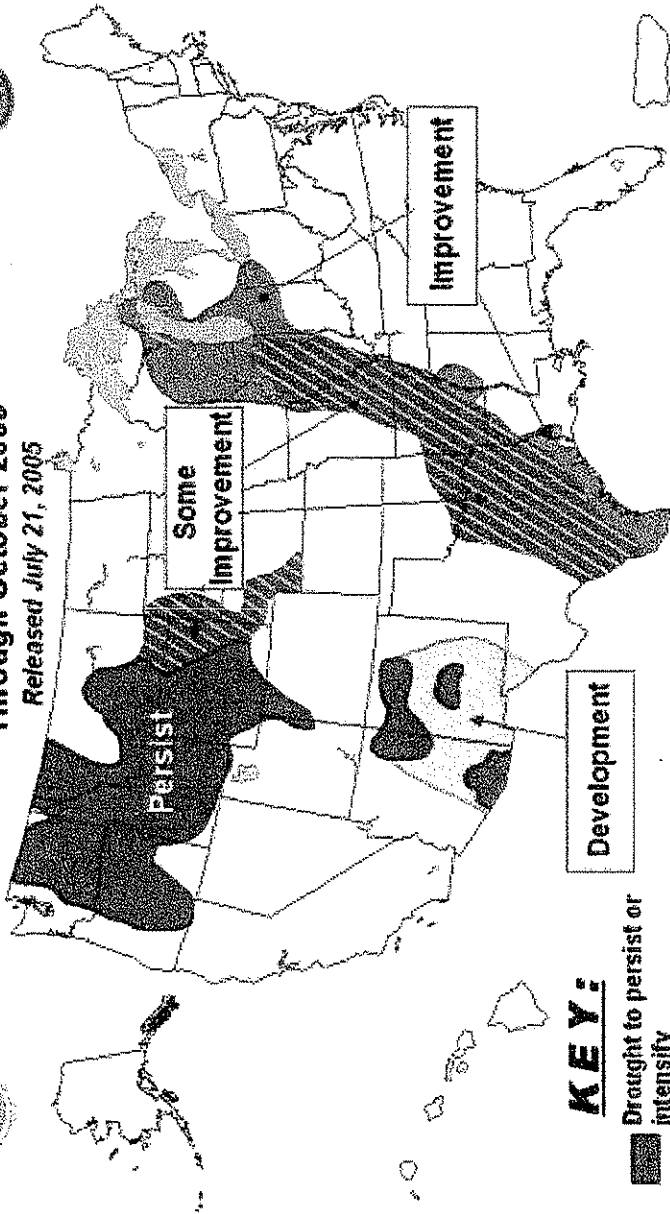




U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Through October 2005

Released July 21, 2005



KEY:

- Drought to persist or intensify
- Drought ongoing, some improvement
- Drought likely to improve, impacts ease
- Drought development likely

Depicts general, large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by numerous indicators, including short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance, so use caution if using this outlook for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are schematically approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4). For weekly drought updates, see the latest Drought Monitor map and text. NOTE: the green improvement areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels, but do not necessarily imply drought elimination.

2005 Rio Grande Project Allocation

Initial Allocation - End of November, 2004

(letter issued Dec. 17, 2004)

Mexico	10,605 AF
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	72,639 AF
El Paso County Water Improvement District # 1	55,305 AF
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[14.87% of a full supply]	138,549 AF *

Updated Allocation - End of December, 2004

(letter issued Jan. 19, 2005)

Mexico	14,063 AF
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	96,323 AF
El Paso County Water Improvement District # 1	73,338 AF
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[19.72% of a full supply]	183,724 AF *

Updated Allocation - End of January, 2005

(letter issued Feb. 10, 2005)

Mexico	14,273 AF
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	97,760 AF
El Paso County Water Improvement District # 1	74,431 AF
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[20.01% of a full supply]	186,464 AF *

Updated Allocation - End of February, 2005

(letter issued Mar. 10, 2005)

Mexico	18,717 AF
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	128,200 AF
El Paso County Water Improvement District # 1	97,608 AF
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[26.24% of a full supply]	244,525 AF *

Updated Allocation - End of March, 2005

(letter issued Apr. 19, 2005)

Mexico	22,247 AF
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	152,377 AF
El Paso County Water Improvement District # 1	116,016 AF
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[31.19% of a full supply]	290,640 AF *

* Project water supply available for diversion at the authorized canal headings.

2005 Rio Grande Project Allocation

Updated Allocation - End of April, 2005

(letter issued May 11, 2005)

Mexico	28,423 AF
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	194,678 AF
El Paso County Water Improvement District # 1	148,222 AF
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[39.85% of a full supply]	371,323 AF *

Updated Allocation - End of May, 2005

(letter issued June 13, 2005)

Mexico	44,422 AF
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	304,258 AF
El Paso County Water Improvement District # 1	231,654 AF
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[62.28% of a full supply]	580,334 AF *

Updated Allocation - End of June, 2005

(letter issued July 8, 2005)

Mexico	59,809 AF
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	431,953 AF
El Paso County Water Improvement District # 1	328,876 AF
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[88.07% of a full supply]	820,638 AF *

Updated Allocation - July 15, 2005

(letter issued July 22, 2005)

Mexico	60,000 AF
Elephant Butte Irrigation District	462,075 AF
El Paso County Water Improvement District # 1	351,810 AF
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[93.78% of a full supply]	873,885 AF *

* Project water supply available for diversion at the authorized canal headings.

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7/22/2005

SUMMARY TABLE OF PROJECTED ALLOTMENTS FOR 2005
(Based Upon Most Probable Runoff Scenario at San Marcial Gauges)

2005 NCRS Forecast (Mar-Jul) at San Marcial Gauges *		2005 Adjustments To NCRS Runoff Forecasts (a)			2005 RUNOFF (Mar-Jul) at SAN MARCIAL GAUGES **			No Relinquishment of Rio Grande Compact Credit Waters			Estimated Remaining Credit Waters in Elephant Butte Reservoir (AF)	Estimated Remaining Water in San Juan-Chama Elephant Butte Reservoir (AF)	Estimated Lowest Storage Level at Elephant Butte Reservoir (AF)
163% (935,000 AF)	12,000 AF +	134,000 AF +	40,600 AF	EO July Est. Allotments (based on EO July est. storage) *** (b)	August 15 Est. Allotments (based on August 15 est. storage) *** (b)	EO August Est. Allotments (based on EO August est. storage) *** (b)	Estimated Release for Irrigation Season (AF)	Estimated Remaining Credit Waters in Elephant Butte Reservoir (AF)	Estimated Remaining Water in San Juan-Chama Elephant Butte Reservoir (AF)	Estimated Lowest Storage Level at Elephant Butte Reservoir (AF)			
				95.8% of full supply	99.1% of full supply	100% of full supply	664,000	32,510	5,320	374,451			

BOLD = most probable Rio Grande Project reservoirs operational plan.

* The NCRS forecast was issued for June 1, 2005, which is the most probable at 163% of average flow.

** Normal (average) runoff volume at San Marcial gauging stations (Mar-Jul) is 573,000 AF.

*** EO month storage figures based on Reclamation's Rio Grande Project reservoirs operational plan developed on July 21, 2005. Allotments are estimated for an entire irrigation season, and the allotments are made to the Rio Grande Project canal headings. A full supply allotment for an irrigation season is: 484,979 AF to EBIID canal headings; 376,862 AF to EP#1 headings; and, 60,000 AF to Mexico's Acequia Madre heading under the 1908 Treaty.

(a) Adjustments to the NCRS forecast include 12,000 AF decrease to inflow scenario due to storage in El Vado Reservoir for the Pueblos this year. Also, adjustment decreases to the forecast for the period of time that Rio Grande Compact usable water in Project storage exceeds 400,000 AF (in Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs combined) as follows: 110,000 AF stored upstream at El Vado from May 20 - July 9, 2005 and 24,000 AF at Platoro Reservoir from May 20 to July 4, 2005 for most probable plan. Also, 40,600 AF decrease to forecast due to present conditions at San Marcial gauging stations.

(b) Assuming no relinquishment of Rio Grande Compact credit waters occurring in 2005 for New Mexico, Colorado relinquished 2,062 AF on March 31, 2005. Excludes New Mexico's and Colorado's remaining estimated Rio Grande Compact credit waters in Elephant Butte Reservoir as well as San Juan-Chama water, and those waters being evaporated out on a monthly basis according to Rio Grande Compact accounting procedures.