

# Yampa-White River Region *FastFacts* • Key Takeaways



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## Employment

All three counties continue to see an increase in their unemployment rates. Moffat and Routt are still experiencing worker shortages. Rio Blanco had an almost equal decline in labor force and number of employed workers, easing their shortage of workers.

## Retail Sales

All three counties saw significant increases in Food and Beverage sales in August of 2015 when compared to the previous year. Year-over-year Total Retail Sales increased slightly for both Moffat and Routt, with Rio Blanco experiencing a large decline in August 2015 spending compared to August 2014 figures.

## Real Estate

Median monthly rents continue to gradually increase. Moffat and Rio Blanco have more foreclosures than a year ago, with Routt having its lowest foreclosure ratio within a six year history. Moffat had a 12% increase in the number of houses for sale between March and April.

## Energy

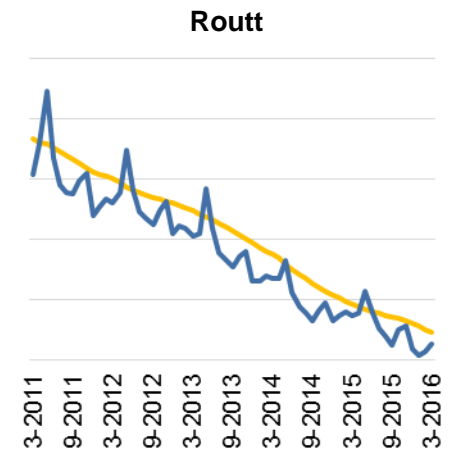
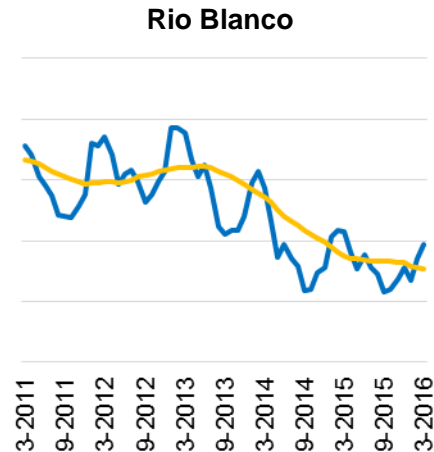
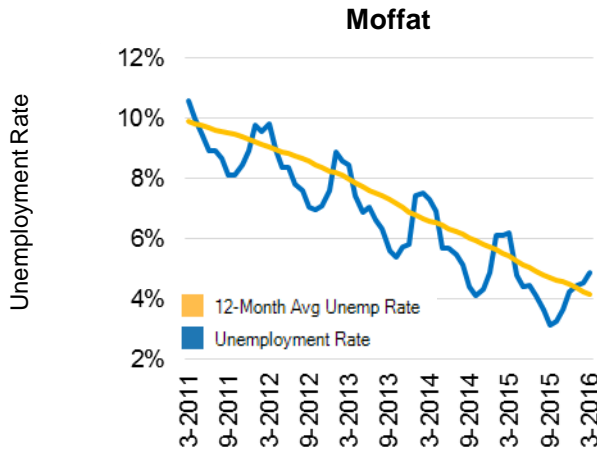
Moffat and Routt had slight increases in monthly oil productions, while all three counties experienced a decline in gas production when compared to January. Coal production increased for the state as well as Moffat and Rio Blanco. However, Routt's coal production dropped 58.9% in the course of the last month.

## Climate

In April, the White and Yampa Rivers experienced their first peak volume of the season. Snow-water equivalency is above 100% for the region, with both Stagecoach and Yamcolo reservoirs also experiencing above average capacities.

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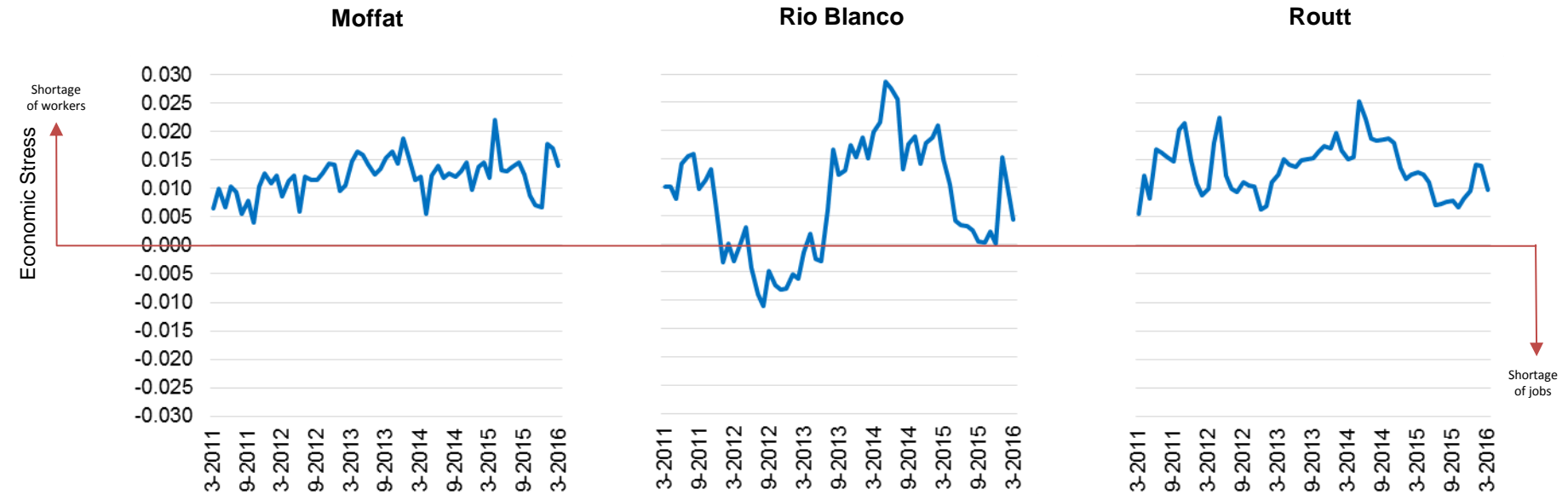
**Moffat**

**Rio Blanco**

**Routt**

Period	Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)	Employment	Unemployment	Rate (%)
3-2015	6,830	451	6.2	2,634	177	6.3	14,566	521	3.5
4-2015	6,858	345	4.8	2,623	156	5.6	13,627	501	3.5
5-2015	6,798	315	4.4	2,704	144	5.1	12,884	578	4.3
6-2015	6,962	323	4.4	2,808	165	5.5	13,841	510	3.6
7-2015	6,837	294	4.1	2,753	148	5.1	14,117	443	3.0
8-2015	6,710	255	3.7	2,692	139	4.9	13,869	398	2.8
9-2015	6,705	218	3.1	2,736	124	4.3	13,213	339	2.5
10-2015	6,861	230	3.2	2,720	125	4.4	13,131	407	3.0
11-2015	6,882	259	3.6	2,697	134	4.7	13,130	422	3.1
12-2015	7,104	315	4.2	2,700	146	5.1	14,928	365	2.4
1-2016	7,058	330	4.5	2,667	132	4.7	15,373	341	2.2
2-2016	7,010	332	4.5	2,655	152	5.4	15,327	359	2.3
3-2016	6,946	357	4.9	2,607	163	5.9	14,923	386	2.5

## Economic Stress Indicator (ESI)



**Economic Stress Indicator (ESI) = Employed Workers Ratio - Labor Force Ratio**

Moffat March 2016 ESI = 1.017 – 1.003 = + 0.014

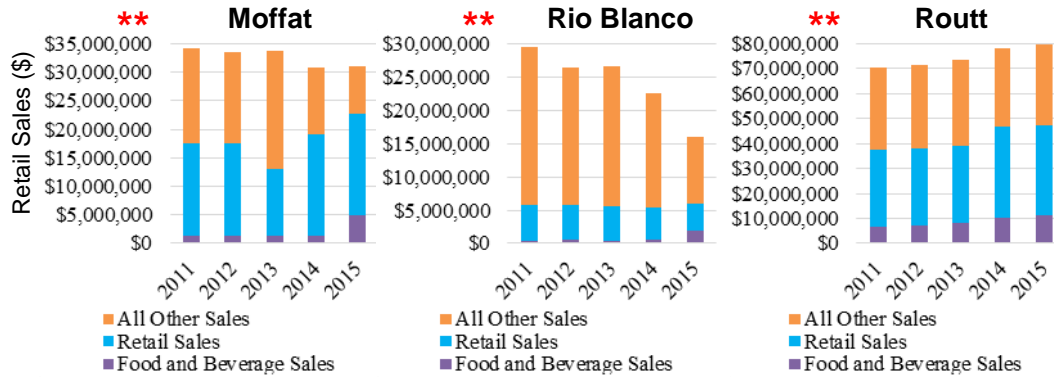
Rio Blanco March 2016 ESI = 0.989 – 0.985 = + 0.004

Routt March 2016 ESI = 1.025 – 1.015 = + 0.010

*Note: Optimal balance (least amount of stress) between Employed Workers and Labor Force = 0.00. Too far above 0.00 can be an indicator of a shortage of workers and too far below 0.00 can indicate a shortage of jobs.*

Period	Moffat		Rio Blanco		Routt	
	Employed Workers	Civilian Labor Force	Employed Workers	Civilian Labor Force	Employed Workers	Civilian Labor Force
3-2015	6,830	7,281	2,634	2,811	14,566	15,087
3-2016	6,946	7,303	2,607	2,770	14,923	15,309
<b>Ratio</b>	<b>1.017</b>	<b>1.003</b>	<b>0.989</b>	<b>0.985</b>	<b>1.025</b>	<b>1.015</b>

## August 2015 Total Retail Sales **\*\*Note chart \$ values vary by county.**

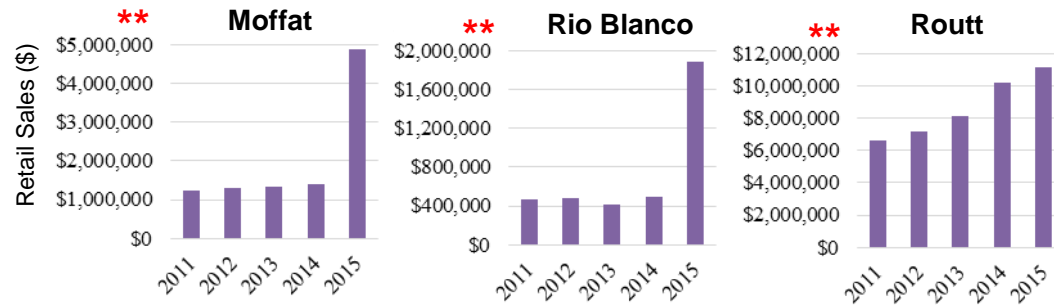


Monthly Sales Figures for August 2015 (Million \$s)

County	Food and Beverage	Retail Trade*	All Other Sales**	Total Sales
Moffat	\$4.88	\$17.82	\$8.31	\$31.01
Rio Blanco	\$1.88	\$4.11	\$9.92	\$15.91
Routt	\$11.15	\$36.24	\$32.54	\$79.93
Combined	\$17.91	\$58.17	\$50.77	\$126.85

\*Retail Trade includes: Motor Vehicle and Auto Parts, Furniture and Furnishings, Electronics and Appliances, Building, Materials/Nurseries, Food/Beverage Stores, Health and Personal Care, Gas Stations, Clothing and Accessories, Sporting/Hobby/Books/Music, General Merchandise/Warehouse, Misc. Store Retailers and Non-Store Retailers. \*\*All Other Sales includes Lodging and Construction.

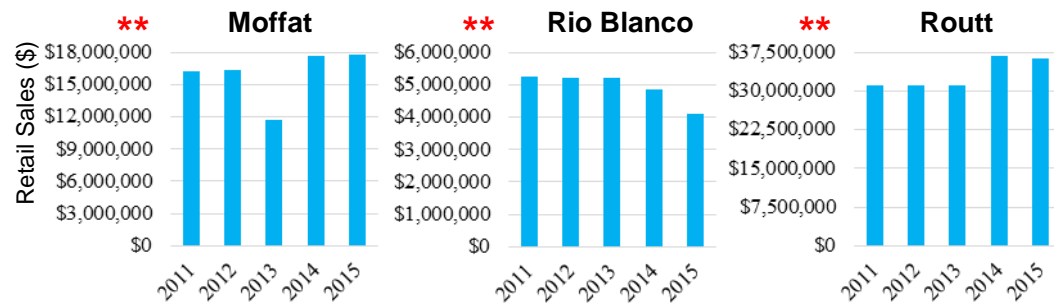
## August 2015 Food and Beverage Sales **\*\***



Food & Beverage Figures For August 2015 (Million \$s)

County	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Moffat	\$1.24	\$1.29	\$1.32	\$1.39	\$4.88
Rio Blanco	\$0.47	\$0.48	\$0.42	\$0.49	\$1.88
Routt	\$6.65	\$7.17	\$8.13	\$10.21	\$11.15

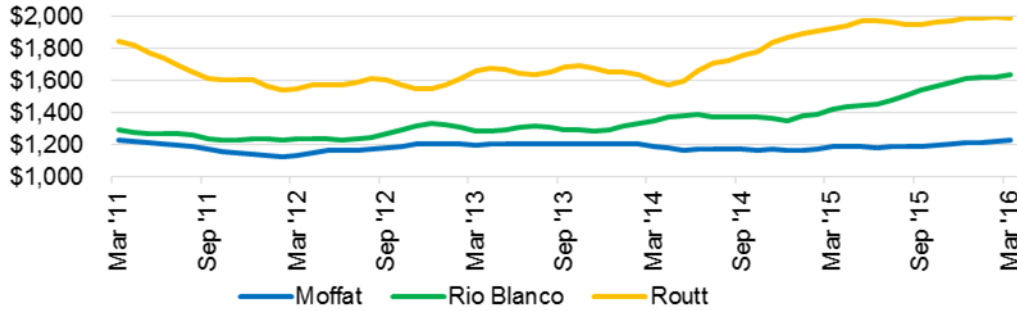
## August 2015 Retail Trade Sales



Retail Sales Figures For August 2015 (Million \$s)

County	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Moffat	\$16.24	\$16.33	\$11.65	\$17.70	\$17.82
Rio Blanco	\$5.25	\$5.21	\$5.23	\$4.85	\$4.11
Routt	\$30.99	\$31.04	\$31.12	\$36.67	\$36.24

## Median Rent

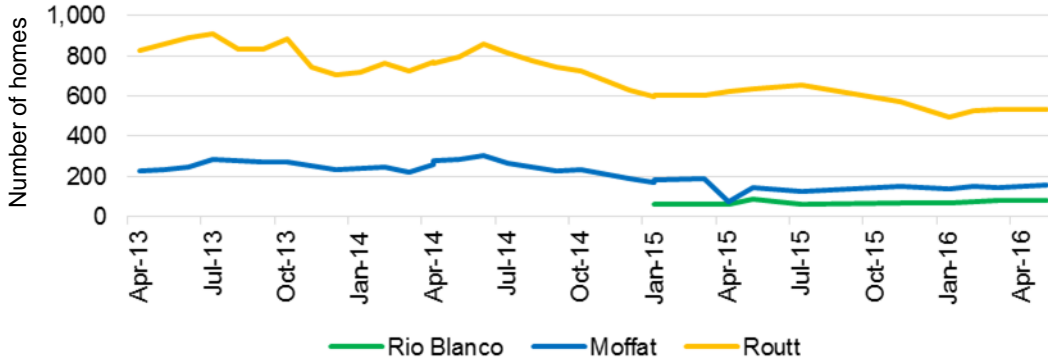


06/2015 - 03/2016 Median Rent Per Month

Period	Moffat	Rio Blanco	Routt
06/2015	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,449	\$ 1,973
07/2015	\$ 1,185	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,967
08/2015	\$ 1,187	\$ 1,508	\$ 1,949
09/2015	\$ 1,191	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,955
10/2015	\$ 1,196	\$ 1,564	\$ 1,969
11/2015	\$ 1,204	\$ 1,590	\$ 1,977
12/2015	\$ 1,208	\$ 1,612	\$ 1,994
01/2016	\$ 1,212	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,994
02/2016	\$ 1,215	\$ 1,624	\$ 1,998
03/2016	\$ 1,227	\$ 1,637	\$ 1,991

Source: Zillow

## Homes For Sale

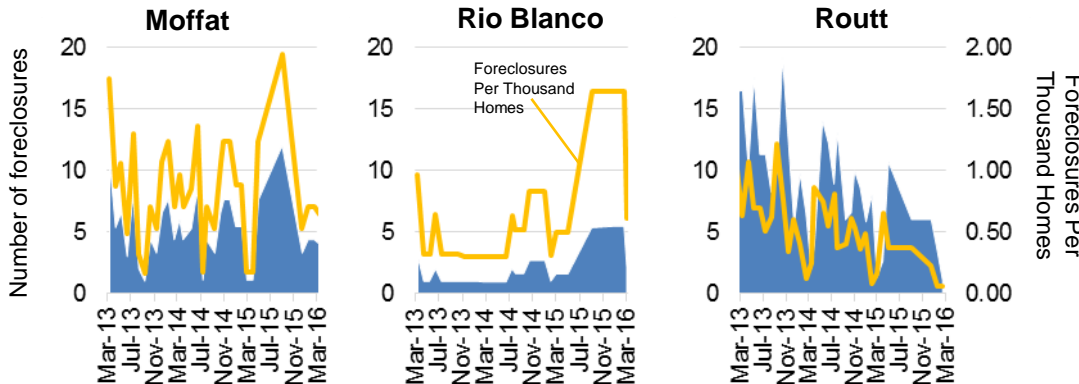


07/2015 - 04/2016 Homes For Sale (# of Homes)

Period	Moffat	Rio Blanco	Routt
07/2015	123	63	657
08/2015	Not avail.	Not avail.	Not avail.
09/2015	Not avail.	Not avail.	Not avail.
10/2015	Not avail.	Not avail.	Not avail.
11/2015	150	66	573
12/2015	Not avail.	Not avail.	Not avail.
01/2016	137	64	496
02/2016	150	70	529
03/2016	141	81	534
04/2016	158	80	536

Source: Zillow

## Foreclosures

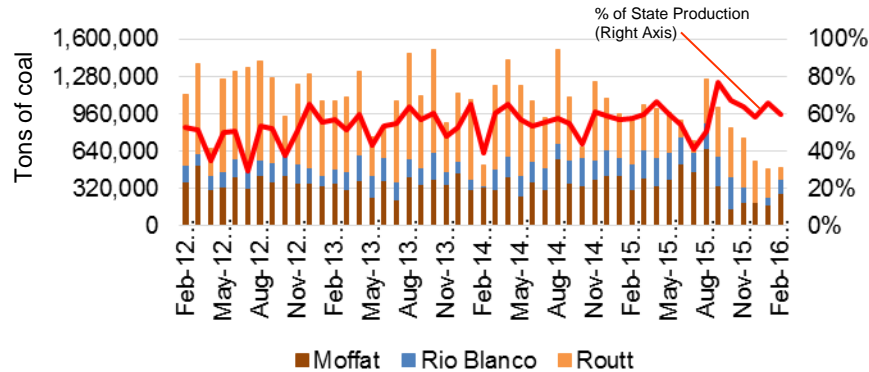


06/2015 - 03/2016 New Foreclosures Per 1,000 Homes

Period	Moffat	Rio Blanco	Routt
06/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
07/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
08/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
09/2015	1.95	1.64	0.37
10/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
11/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
12/2015	0.53	Not available	0.37
01/2016	0.71	Not available	0.22
02/2016	0.71	Not available	0.06
03/2016	0.65	0.61	Not available

Source: RealtyTrac.com

## Coal Production

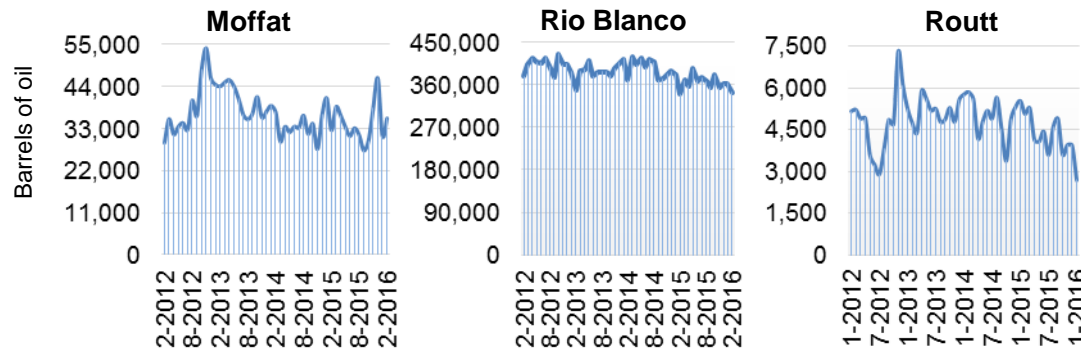


### Monthly Coal Production for February 2016

County	Coal Production (Tons)	% of State Production for Feb. 2016	% Change from January 2016	% Change from Feb. 2015	% Change from 12-Month Average
Moffat	275,430	33.1%	+58.0%	-11.7%	-20.2%
Rio Blanco	117,976	14.2%	+72.1%	-47.0%	-34.7%
Routt	101,212	12.2%	-58.9%	-73.9%	-67.2%
Colorado	831,856	100%	+11.9%	-48.2%	-41.3%

Source: Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining & Safety

## Oil Production

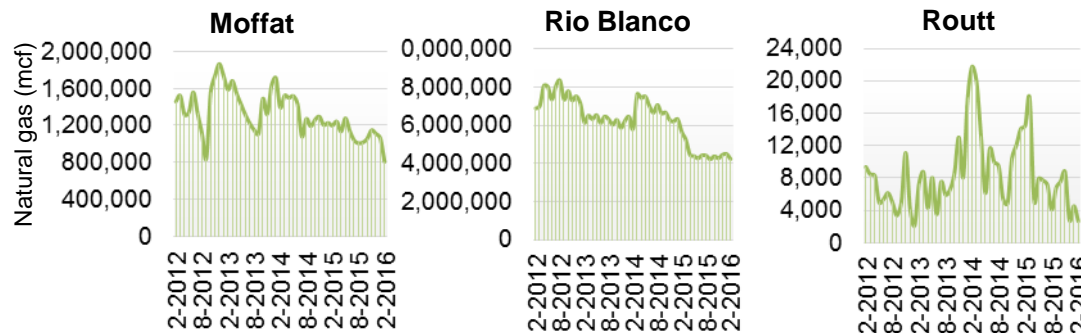


### Monthly Oil Production for February 2016

County	Oil Production (Barrels)	% Change from January 2016	% Change from February 2015	% Change from 12-Month Average
Moffat	35,703	+14.8%	+9.6%	+3.9%
Rio Blanco	343,746	-5.5%	+1.2%	-6.1%
Routt	2,782	+3.5%	-45.2%	-30.5%

Source: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

## Gas Production

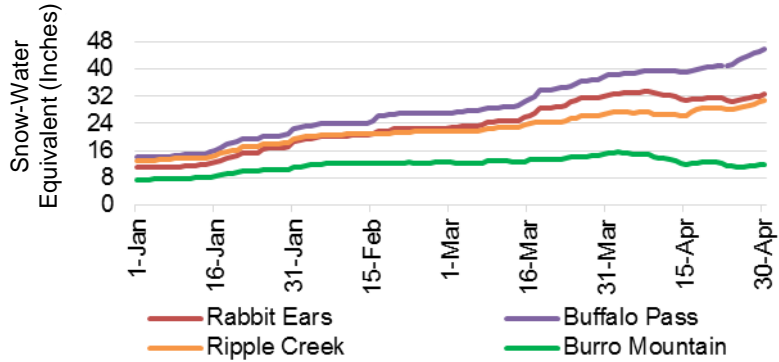


### Monthly Natural Gas Production for Feb. 2016

County	Gas Production (mcf)	% Change from January 2016	% Change from February 2015	% Change from 12-Month Average
Moffat	806,093	-24.1%	-32.7%	-25.8%
Rio Blanco	4,231,415	-5.8%	-24.9%	-4.6%
Routt	2,664	-41.4%	-81.6%	-61.5%

Source: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

## Snow-Water

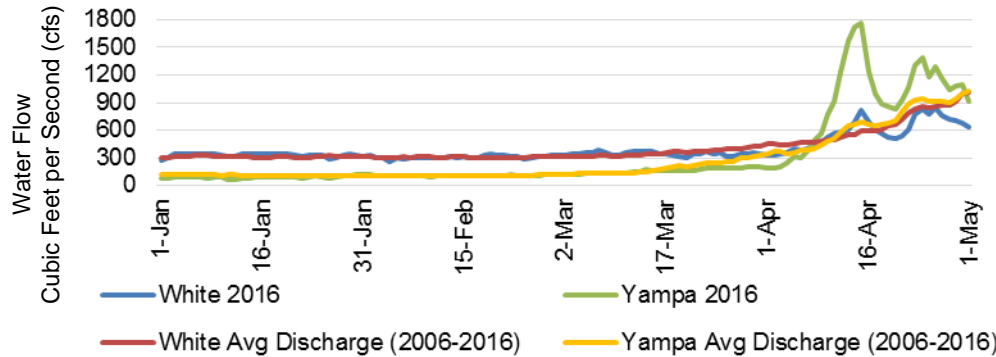


**Snow-Water Equivalent at Rabbit Ears Pass (Station 709), Buffalo Pass (Station 825), Ripple Creek (Station 717), Burro Mountain (Station 378).**

USDA Station	St. 709	St. 825	St. 717	St. 378
Measurement Date	04/30/16	04/30/16	04/30/16	04/30/16
Current Year (2016) Snow-Water Equivalent (in.)	32.6	45.8	30.9	12.0
Previous Year (2015) Snow-Water Equivalent (in.)	15.1	31.6	21.0	5.8
<b>Snow-Water Equivalent % Average (2006-2016)</b>	<b>125.2%</b>	<b>102.8%</b>	<b>115.3%</b>	<b>113.1%</b>
Average Snow Water Equivalent (2006-2016) (in.)	26.0	44.6	26.8	10.6

Source: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Water & Climate Center

## Streamflow



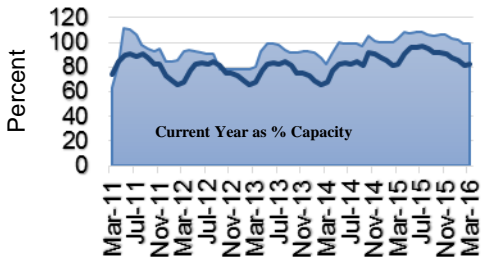
**White River at Meeker and Yampa River at Steamboat Springs**

River	White	Yampa
Measurement Date	04/30/16	04/30/16
Current Year (2016) Average Daily Discharge (cfs)	679	1,090
Previous Year (2015) Average Daily Discharge (cfs)	1080	1,030
<b>Average Daily Discharge % of Average (2006-2016)</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>109%</b>
Average Daily Discharge (2006-2016) (cfs)	995	998

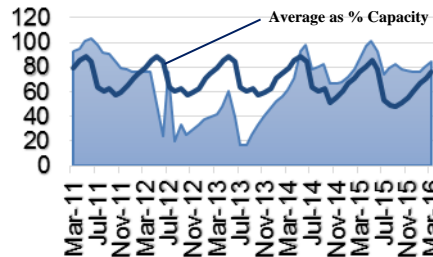
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## Reservoir Levels

**Stagecoach**



**Yamcolo**



**Stagecoach and Yamcolo Reservoir Levels**

Reservoir	Stagecoach	Yamcolo
Month	March 2016	March 2016
March (2016) as % Capacity	100%	84%
Average as % Capacity	82%	76%
<b>March (2016) as % Average</b>	<b>123%</b>	<b>111%</b>
March (2015) as % Capacity	104%	86%

Source: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Water & Climate Center