

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



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## Employment

Year-over-year April employment in Moffat is steady. Rio Blanco employment is down 54 employed workers (-2.0%), and Routt is up 130 employed workers (+1.0%). At 6.2%, Rio Blanco has the second highest April unemployment rate in Colorado.

## Retail Sales

Spending in Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt declined between October and November 2015. Year-to-date totals are 5.7% below November 2014 totals for Routt, with Rio Blanco's spending down 34.6% from the previous year. Moffat saw a 13.2% decrease in sales when compared to the previous year.

## Real Estate

Moffat and Routt median monthly rents are at their highest in the last 5 years. Moffat's foreclosures are higher than those of a year ago, with Routt and Rio Blanco have fewer foreclosures than April 2015. All three counties have seen an increase in houses for sale.

## Energy

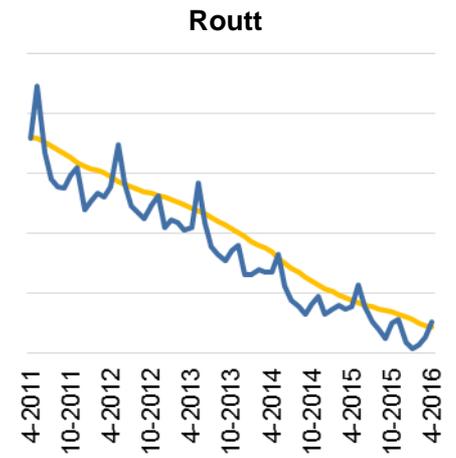
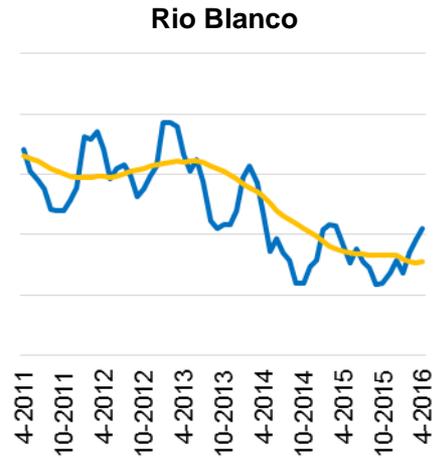
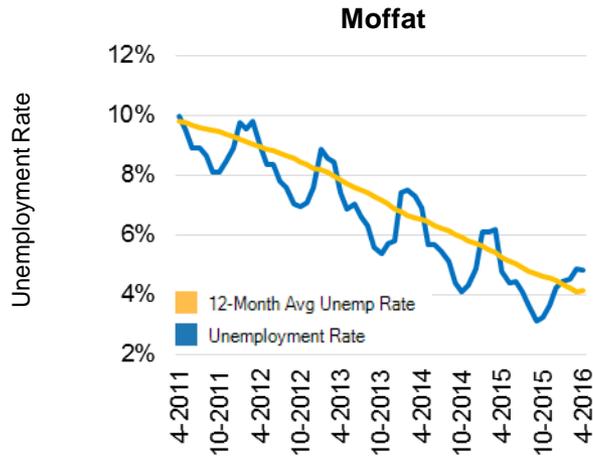
Coal in Routt saw a jump in its monthly and yearly production levels. Despite Moffat and Rio Blanco experiencing continued gradual monthly decreases in production, all three counties produced 79% of the state's coal in March. Routt's oil and gas productions continue to decrease, with Moffat and Rio Blanco seeing increases in both sets of production levels.

## Climate

Yamcolo and Stagecoach reservoirs were over 100% of their capacity in April. Rabbit Ears, Buffalo Pass and Ripple Creek all still contain  $\geq 119\%$  of their average snow-water equivalency. However, Burro Mountain is only at 10.8% of its average amount of snow-water. Both the Yampa and White rivers experienced their second peak of the season on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Employment



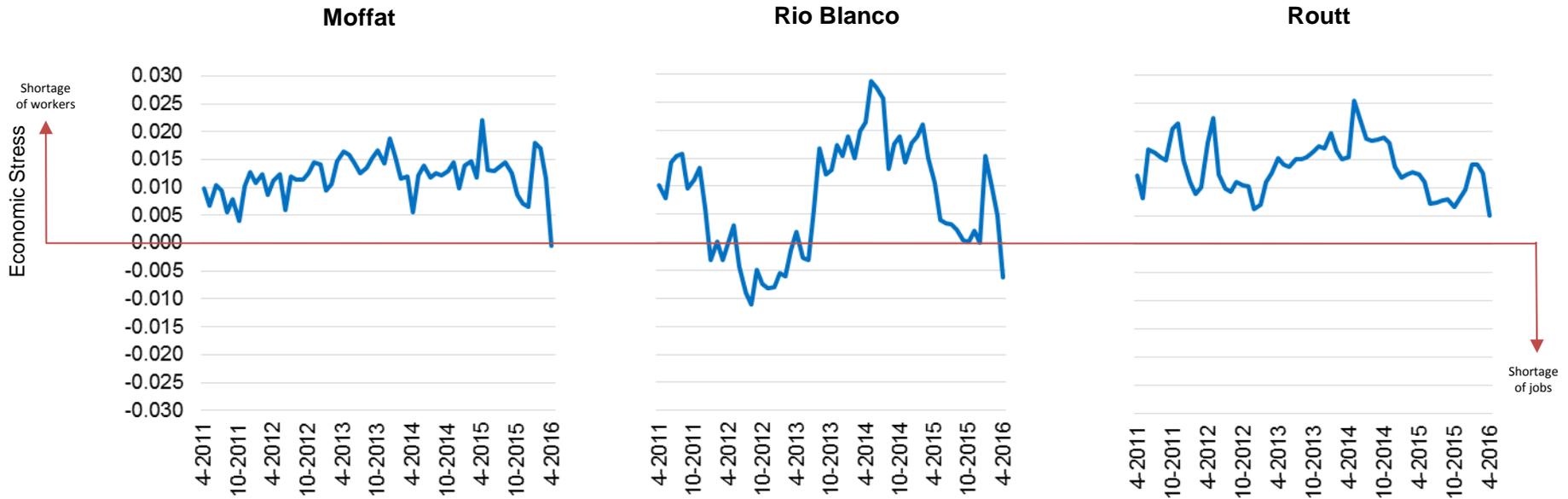
**Moffat**

**Rio Blanco**

**Routt**

Period	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
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	356	4.9%	2,614	162	5.8%	14,963	386	2.5%
4-2016	6,856	348	4.8%	2,569	170	6.2%	13,757	435	3.1%

## Economic Stress Indicator (ESI)



**Economic Stress Indicator (ESI) = Year-over-year (2016 / 2015) Employed Workers Ratio – Year-over-year (2016 / 2015) Labor Force Ratio**

Moffat April 2016 ESI = 1.000 – 1.000 = **0.000**

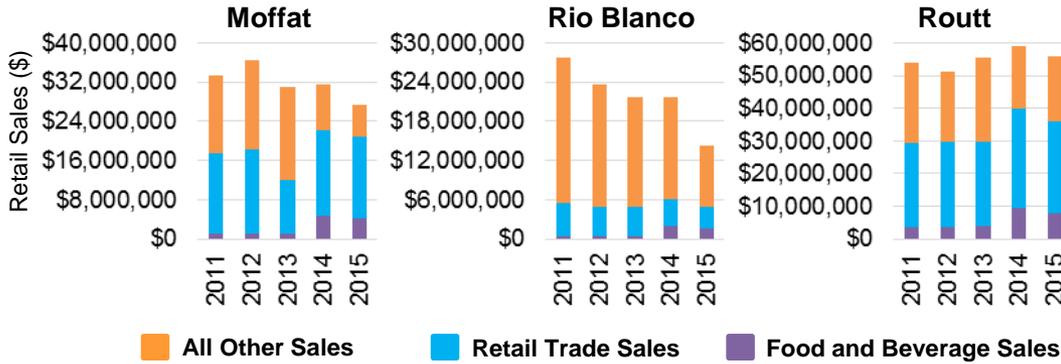
Rio Blanco April 2016 ESI = 0.979 – 0.986 = **-0.007**

Routt April 2016 ESI = 1.010 – 1.005 = **+0.005**

*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
4-2015	6,858	7,203	2,623	2,779	13,627	14,128
4-2016	6,856	7,204	2,569	2,739	13,757	14,192
Ratio	1.000	1.000	0.979	0.986	1.010	1.005

## November 2015 Total Retail Sales

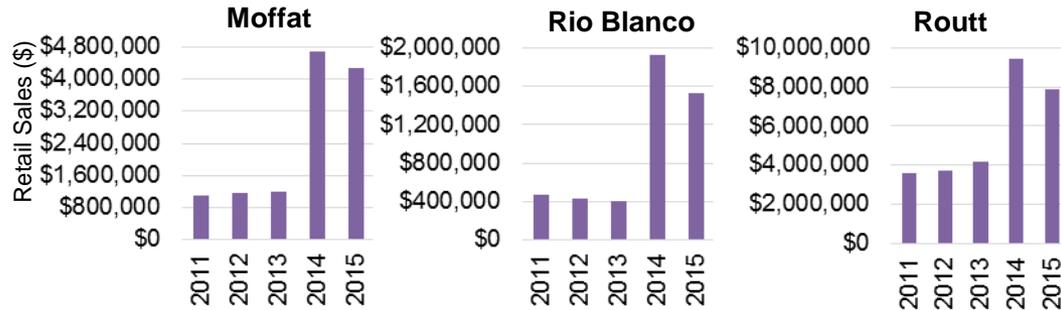


### Monthly Sales Figures for Nov. 2015 (Million \$s)

County	Food and Beverage	Retail Trade*	All Other Sales**	Total Sales
Moffat	\$4.28	\$16.49	\$6.55	\$27.32
Rio Blanco	\$1.53	\$3.47	\$9.22	\$14.22
Routt	\$7.88	\$27.97	\$19.89	\$55.74
Combined	\$13.69	\$47.93	\$35.66	\$97.28

\*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.

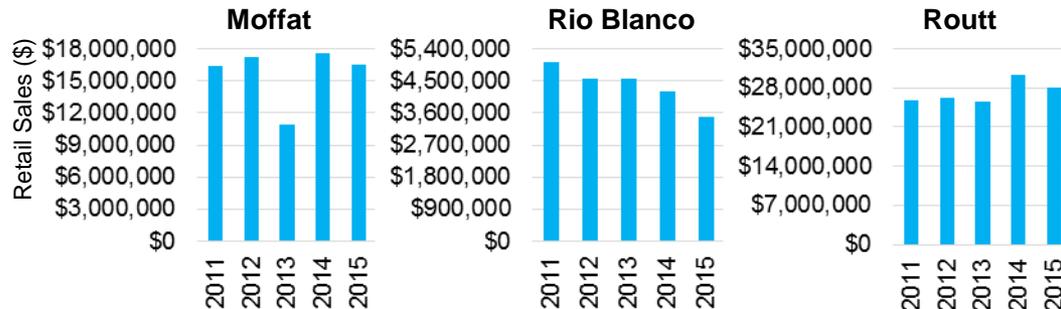
## November 2015 Food and Beverage Sales



### Food & Beverage Figures For Nov. 2015 (Million \$s)

County	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Moffat	\$1.09	\$1.18	\$1.20	\$4.68	\$4.28
Rio Blanco	\$0.47	\$0.43	\$0.40	\$1.93	\$1.53
Routt	\$3.59	\$3.74	\$4.14	\$9.44	\$7.88

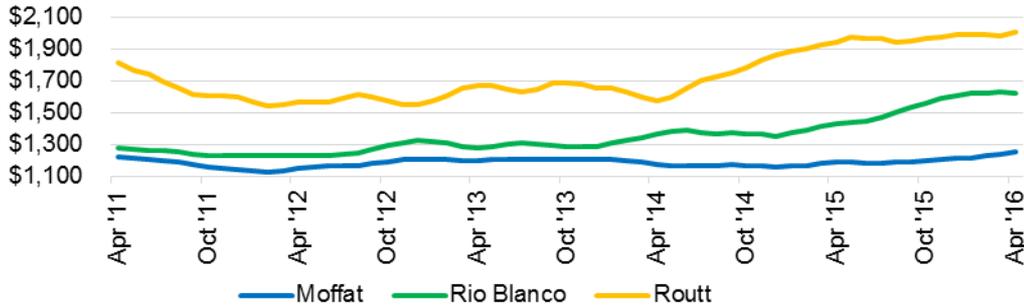
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### Retail Sales Figures For Nov. 2015 (Million \$s)

County	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Moffat	\$16.41	\$17.17	\$10.87	\$17.52	\$16.49
Rio Blanco	\$5.03	\$4.57	\$4.58	\$4.19	\$3.47
Routt	\$25.80	\$26.18	\$25.45	\$30.42	\$27.97

## Median Rent

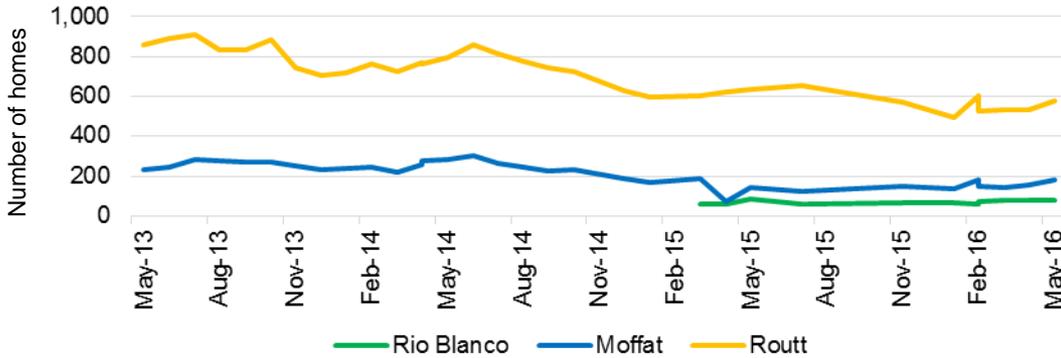


07/2015 - 04/2016 Median Rent Per Month

Period	Moffat	Rio Blanco	Routt
07/2015	\$ 1,185	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,967
08/2015	\$ 1,188	\$ 1,508	\$ 1,949
09/2015	\$ 1,192	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,955
10/2015	\$ 1,198	\$ 1,564	\$ 1,969
11/2015	\$ 1,206	\$ 1,590	\$ 1,977
12/2015	\$ 1,211	\$ 1,612	\$ 1,993
01/2016	\$ 1,216	\$ 1,626	\$ 1,996
02/2016	\$ 1,227	\$ 1,622	\$ 1,991
03/2016	\$ 1,240	\$ 1,630	\$ 1,987
04/2016	\$ 1,254	\$ 1,621	\$ 2,007

Source: Zillow

## Homes For Sale

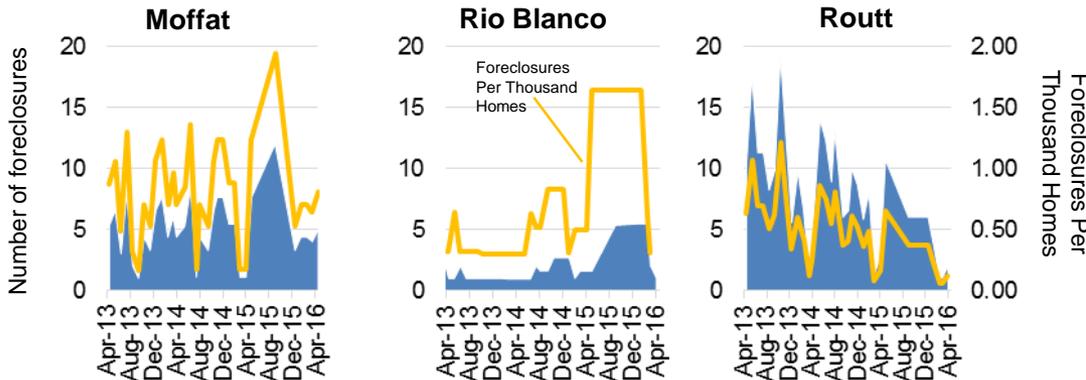


08/2015 - 05/2016 Homes For Sale (# of Homes)

Period	Moffat	Rio Blanco	Routt
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
05/2016	182	82	579

Source: Zillow

## Foreclosures

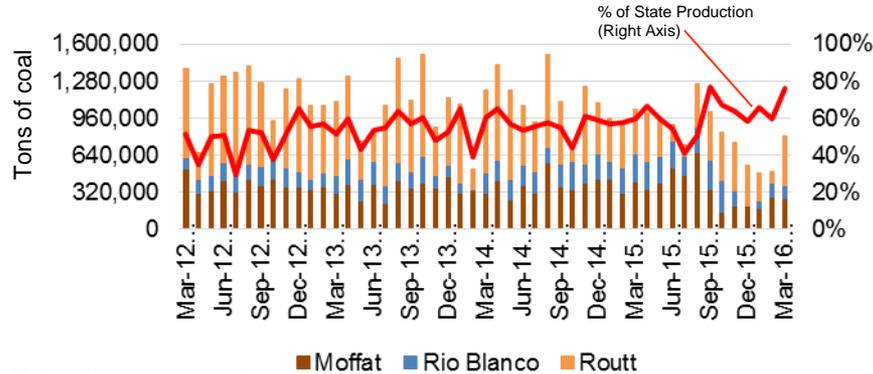


07/2015 - 04/2016 New Foreclosures Per 1,000 Homes

Period	Moffat	Rio Blanco	Routt
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
04/2016	0.81	0.31	0.12

Source: RealtyTrac.com

## Coal Production

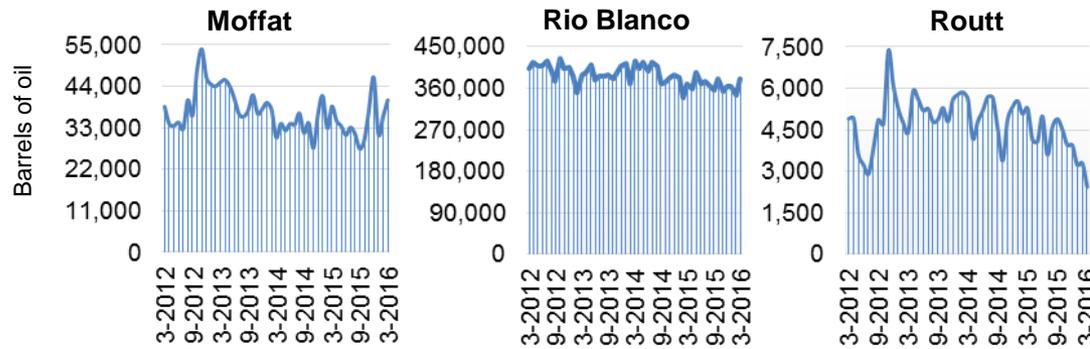


### Monthly Coal Production for March 2016

County	Coal Production (Tons)	% of State Production for March 2016	% Change from February 2016	% Change from March 2015	% Change from 12-Month Average
Moffat	268,742	25.3%	-2.4%	-34.8%	-19.4%
Rio Blanco	111,804	10.5%	-5.2%	-52.3%	-34.5%
Routt	427,689	40.2%	+322.6%	+10.9%	+36.9%
Colorado	1,063,503	100%	+27.8%	-38.2%	-22.0%

Source: Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining & Safety

## Oil Production

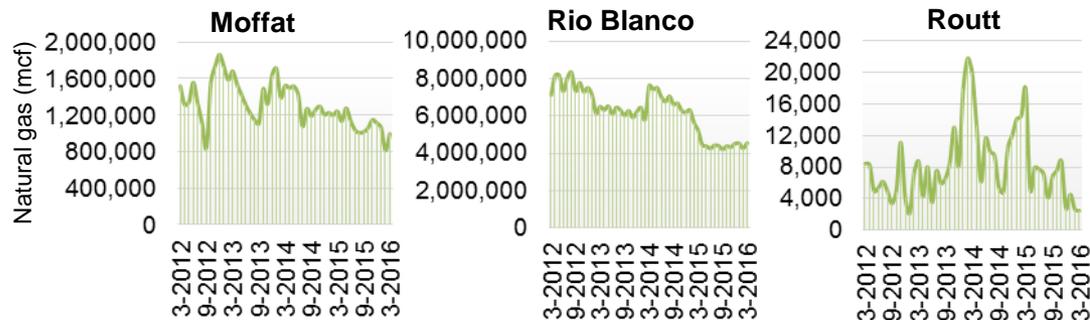


### Monthly Oil Production for March 2016

County	Oil Production (Barrels)	% Change from February 2016	% Change from March 2015	% Change from 12-Month Average
Moffat	40,571	+13.0%	+4.9%	+17.8%
Rio Blanco	381,103	+10.5%	+3.4%	+3.7%
Routt	2,558	-24.4%	-51.6%	-35.9%

Source: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

## Gas Production

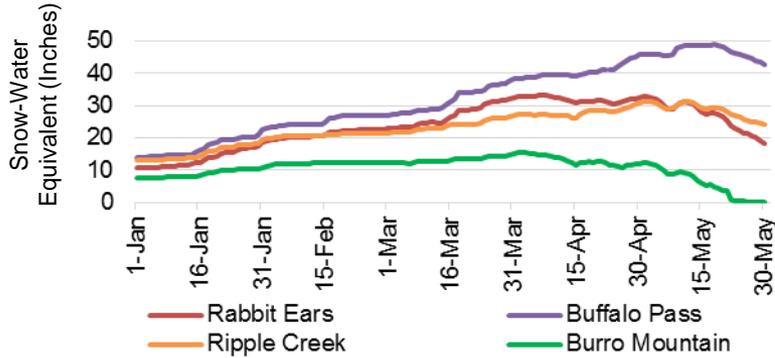


### Monthly Natural Gas Production for March 2016

County	Gas Production (mcf)	% Change from February 2016	% Change from March 2015	% Change from 12-Month Average
Moffat	1,006,231	+22.4%	-19.0%	-5.8%
Rio Blanco	4,605,399	+7.6%	-11.9%	+4.6%
Routt	2,491	-6.5%	-86.0%	-55.8%

Source: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

## Snow-Water

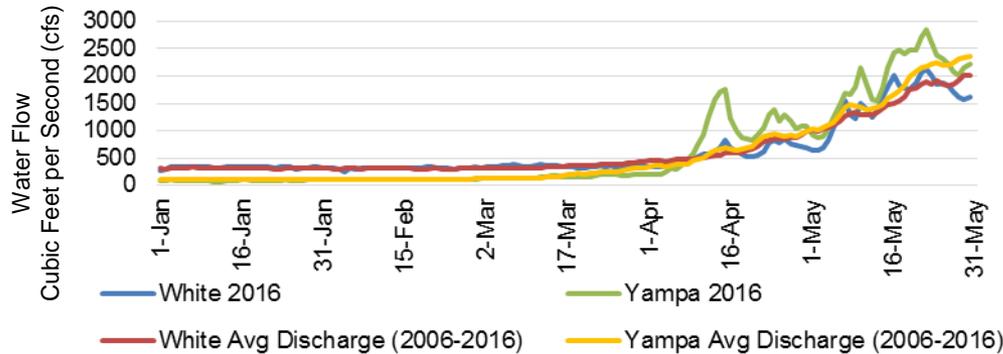


**Snow-Water Equivalent at Rabbit Ears Pass (Station 709), Buffalo Pass (Station 825), Ripple Creek (Station 717), Burro Mountain (Station 378).**

USDA Station	St. 709	St. 825	St. 717	St. 378
Measurement Date	05/30/16	05/30/16	05/30/16	05/30/16
Current Year (2016) Snow-Water Equivalent (in.)	18.1	42.6	24.0	0.2
Previous Year (2015) Snow-Water Equivalent (in.)	5.0	31.1	20.5	0.0
<b>Snow-Water Equivalent % Average (2006-2016)</b>	<b>172.5%</b>	<b>119.7%</b>	<b>149.4%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
Average Snow Water Equivalent (2006-2016) (in.)	10.5	35.6	16.1	1.9

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

## Streamflow



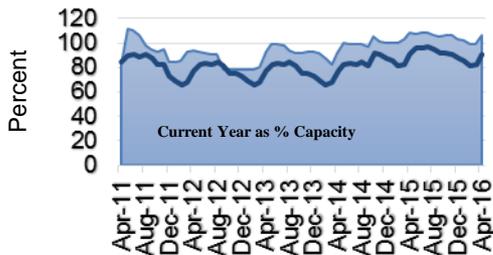
**White River at Meeker and Yampa River at Steamboat Springs**

River	White	Yampa
Measurement Date	05/30/16	05/30/16
Current Year (2016) Average Daily Discharge (cfs)	1,610	2,210
Previous Year (2015) Average Daily Discharge (cfs)	1,750	2,420
<b>Average Daily Discharge % of Average (2006-2016)</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>93%</b>
Average Daily Discharge (2006-2016) (cfs)	2,011	2,367

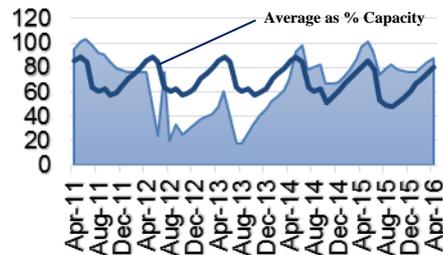
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## Reservoir Levels

**Stagecoach**



**Yamcolo**



**Stagecoach and Yamcolo Reservoir Levels**

Reservoir	Stagecoach	Yamcolo
Month	April 2016	April 2016
April (2016) as % Capacity	107%	87%
Average as % Capacity	97%	80%
<b>April (2016) as % Average</b>	<b>117%</b>	<b>109%</b>
April (2015) as % Capacity	109%	97%

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