

Arizona Short-term Drought Status Report

February 2020

Two major winter storms passed through Arizona in February. Central and southern Arizona received most of the precipitation, with moderate amounts falling on the northern part of the state. This led to marginal drought improvements in some areas and a slight degradation in other areas.

Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions were removed from southern Apache and Greenlee counties but expanded in southern Navajo and Coconino Counties, reaching the Yavapai County border.

Drought conditions persist in Coconino, Navajo, Apache, and part of Mohave counties with 14% of the state remaining in Severe Drought (D2), while 70% remains drought free.

While some models favor a period of wet weather during the first half of March, long-term climate models indicate that the remainder of the spring will likely be dry.

