

Arizona Short-term Drought Status Report

August 2020

The monsoon season has been weak and intermittent across the state and virtually non-existent throughout most of northern Arizona. As a result, the entire state experiences some level of drought condition.

The record and near-record dryness have led to expansion of Severe Drought (D2) across 40% of Arizona, compared to 26% a month ago.

Extreme Drought (D3) conditions, which were absent at the beginning of the month, now cover 42% of the state, throughout northwestern and east central Arizona.

In addition, Yuma, La Paz, and parts of central Apache county, which experienced no drought or Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions, now experience Moderate Drought (D1).

The end of the monsoon season is fast approaching and there are currently no anticipated rain events, so drought improvements are not likely in the near future.

