Northern and western Arizona remained extremely dry in February, leading to an expansion of Severe Drought (D2) across Coconino and Yavapai counties and into Mohave County.

The Navajo Nation has been especially hard hit by the dry winter conditions, and Extreme Drought (D3) was introduced in northern Apache County. The Navajo Nation issued a drought declaration at the end of February as stock ponds and watering holes are drying up and the prospects for a wet spring are dim.

February was much wetter than average in the southeastern counties, but not wet enough to alleviate their drought conditions.

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