

Arizona Short-term Drought Status Report

February 2019

Due to heavy rain and snowfall in February, drought conditions improved in most areas of the state, leaving only 38% of Arizona in some level of drought, compared to last month's 84%. In addition, the percentage of Arizona in Severe Drought (D2) or worse dropped this month from 18% to 5%.

Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions persist in Yuma, Graham, and Greenlee counties and Moderate (D1) or Severe Drought remain in most of Navajo and Apache counties as well as eastern Coconino County.

There is a healthy level of snowpack across the state and the soil beneath the snow is saturated, which should lead to significant spring run-off.

Weak El Nino conditions will persist through the spring; and odds are weighted towards a wetter than average March before the typical dry spring season settles over the Southwest.

