There were scattered rain events across the state during June, with a few storms dropping significant rainfall that began to ease the deficits from the dry winter. Flagstaff, southern Coconino and northern Gila counties have benefitted most from the rainfall.

While Flagstaff, Gila County and the Tucson area received over 400% of normal precipitation, La Paz and Yuma counties received less than 25% of normal precipitation. Statewide, with the exception of Flagstaff, no location received more than 0.50” of rain, however this is much more than we normally receive in June.

Though drought conditions did not worsen this month, June rainfall alone was not sufficient to improve drought conditions in any part of the state. If the monsoon is strong and wet, there may be some short-term improvement over the next two months.

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