

Arizona Short-term Drought Status Report

June 2018

Since June is generally Arizona's driest month, drought conditions throughout the state have not worsened despite the lack of precipitation over the last five weeks.

The monsoon activity is forecasted to begin within the next few weeks, and until then no improvement in drought conditions is expected.

While the northeast quarter of the state remains the driest area, significant impacts from drought conditions have been observed throughout Arizona, including dry wells, dead rangeland vegetation, water hauling for both livestock and wildlife, and extreme fire danger. Even as the monsoon activity begins, concern for lightning-caused fires will continue until the soil and vegetation are sufficiently moist from the rains.

Forecast models suggest a slightly better chance that the monsoon season will be wetter than average. However, rainfall amounts can vary widely on a local level, which is typical during this season, and may only alleviate drought conditions in certain locations.

