

Arizona Short-term Drought Status Report

March 2019

Winter precipitation that continued into mid-March led to significant short-term drought improvement for the state, particularly in northeastern Arizona. Over the last month, Severe Drought (D2) has been removed from the state and Moderate Drought (D1) and Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions have been pulled back to the northeast corner of Arizona. Long-term drought continues across the state despite above normal snowpack. Further improvement in drought conditions will depend on continued spring precipitation as warm temperatures have set the stage for early snowmelt and spring green-up.

El Niño conditions will persist through the remainder of the spring and potentially through the summer. However, this has had little to no effect on Arizona's typical dry spring season and will have minimal predictable influence on the summer monsoon.

