Short-term Drought Status Update

November was extremely dry across the southern half of Arizona, with less than 5% of average precipitation. A few winter storms did cross northern Arizona, bringing rain and snow mostly to the northwestern quarter of the state. The Colorado Plateau, across northeastern Coconino County and central Navajo County, which had been relatively dry last winter, is once again being passed over by the winter storms. This is reflected in an enlarged area of D1, moderate drought. Across much of Arizona the vegetation has entered a dormant stage, so precipitation received at this time is more important to water resources than agriculture or rangeland conditions.

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