MONTH IN REVIEW FOR NORTHERN ARIZONA FOR FEBRUARY 2016

... FEBRUARY TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION OVERVIEW ...

The month of February was characterized by unseasonably warm and dry weather. The only measurable precipitation that fell during the month fell on February 1st when rain and high elevation snow spread across the area. After this storm system, high pressure returned to the region for the remainder of the month resulting in a prolonged period of dry and warm weather. High temperatures in February were significantly warmer than normal ranking among the warmest on record for some locations.

FEBRUARY DATA AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL FOR SELECTED CITIES:

	Max T		Min T				
	Avg	Dep	Avg	Dep	Precip	Dep	% Normal
Flagstaff Airport	53.5	8.7	19.0	-0.3	0.37	-1.79	17%
Winslow Airport	62.2	6.4	22.8	-2.0	0.22	-0.24	48%
Prescott Airport	65.0	10.1	29.5	1.2	0.09	-1.30	6%
Prescott WTP	62.6	8.0	26.3	-0.1	0.81	-0.98	45%
St Johns Airport	60.1	5.3	20.1	-4.6	0.31	-0.22	58%
Grand Canyon AP	56.2	10.2	17.1	0.7	0.11	-1.08	9%
Bellemont	53.6	8.2	13.7	-1.9	0.44	-2.04	18%
Show Low Airport	57.1	5.6	25.8	-0.4	0.37	-0.71	34%
Seligman	66.8	10.3	23.9	-1.5	0.00	-1.14	0%
Page Airport	56.1	5.3	34.0	1.0	0.12	-0.53	18%
Window Rock AP	56.3	8.6	18.7	0.4	0.30	-0.43	41%

Warmest February Rankings:

	Feb. 2016 Avg. Max Temp.	Rank
Seligman	66.8°	1 st warmest
Prescott	65.0°	1 st warmest
Flagstaff	53.5°	2 nd warmest
Winslow	62.2°	3 rd warmest
Show Low	57.1°	4 th warmest

Additional Precipitation Reports from our COOP Stations:

<u>Location</u> <u>February Precipitation (inches)</u>

ALPINE R.S.	0.25
BAGDAD	0.43
BELLEMONT WFO	0.44
BETATAKIN	0.50
BLUE RIDGE R.S.	0.70
BRIGHT ANGEL R.S.	1.19
CANYON DE CHELLY	0.40
CASTLE HOT SPRINGS	0.50
CHINO VALLEY	0.00
FLAGSTAFF ARBORETUM	0.47
FLAGSTAFF AIRPORT (ASOS)	0.37
GRAND CANYON AIRPORT (ASOS)	0.11
GRAND CANYON EAST ENTRANCE	0.74
GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER	0.46
HEBER (BLACK MESA) R.S.	0.86
JEROME	0.58
MCNARY 2 N	0.50
METEOR CRATER	0.30
NATURAL BRIDGE	0.50
PAGE (ASOS)	0.12
PAINTED DESERT N.P.	0.39
PAYSON	0.66
PETRIFIED FOREST N.P.	T
PHANTOM RANCH	0.34
PINETOP 2E	0.83
PLEASANT VALLEY R.S.	0.80
PRESCOTT AIRPORT (ASOS)	0.09
PRESCOTT CITY	0.81
SAINT JOHNS (ASOS)	0.31
SAINT MICHAELS	0.45
SELIGMAN	T
SHOW LOW AIRPORT	0.37
SNOWFLAKE	0.23
SPRINGERVILLE	0.30
SUNRISE MOUNTAIN	1.30
SUNSET CRATER N.M.	0.47
TEEC NOS POS	0.00
WALNUT CANYON N.M.	0.70
WILLIAMS	0.60
WILLIAMS 35NNW	0.09

WINDOW ROCK (ASOS)	0.30
WINSLOW AIRPORT (ASOS)	0.22
WUPATKI	0.31

...SIGNIFICANT WEATHER...

January 31st – February 1st Snow:

The only weather system to bring measurable precipitation to northern Arizona during the month of February began on Jan. 31^{st} with rain and high elevation snow falling through Feb. 1^{st} . Below are snowfall amounts from this storm system.

STORM TOTAL SNOWFALL FOR JAN 31-FEB 1

APACHE COUNTY					
SUNRISE MOUNTAIN	19.0			2/01	
ALPINE		400			
	10.0			2/01	
	6.0			2/01	
		452			
		355			
WINDOW ROCK		818			
CONCHO	1.0	750	AM	2/01	
COCONINO COUNTY					
ARIZONA SNOWBOWL	26.0	1200	PM	2/01	
GR CANYON NORTH RIM	17.5	500	PM	2/01	BRIGHT ANGEL
MORMON LAKE	15.0	248	PM	2/01	
		1157			
JACOB LAKE	12.0	623	PM	2/01	
WILLIAMS	10.5	1200	PM	2/01	BILL WILLIAMS
FLAGSTAFF AIRPORT	10.2	500	AM	2/02	
BELLEMONT	9.2	500	AM	2/02	NWS OFFICE
GR CANYON EAST ENTRANCE	8.5	800	AM	2/02	EAST ENTRANCE
MUNDS PARK	8.0	1009	AM	2/02	
KACHINA VILLAGE	8.0	945	AM	2/01	
BLUE RIDGE RS	6.0	800	AM	2/02	
PARKS	6.0	730	AM	2/01	
GR CANYON VISITOR CENTER	5.5	1200	PM	2/01	
OAK CREEK CANYON	5.0	330	PM	2/01	
SUNSET CRATER	4.0	900	AM	2/02	
DONEY PARK	4.0	939	AM	2/01	
WALNUT CANYON NM	1.5	900	AM	2/02	
WUPATKI	0.1	900	AM	2/02	
PHANTOM RANCH	Т	600	PM	2/01	

...GILA COUNTY...

TONTO VILLAGE	4.5	550	PM	2/01	
STRAWBERRY	4.0	932	AM	2/01	
PAYSON	2.5	1200	PM	2/01	
NAVAJO COUNTY					
PINETOP-LAKESIDE	6.9	1200	PM	2/01	
NAVAJO NM	3.0	800	AM	2/01	
KEAMS CANYON	2.0	803	AM	2/01	
SHOW LOW	1.0	837	AM	2/01	
YAVAPAI COUNTY					
CAMP WOOD	11.0	420	PM	2/01	
WILLIAMSON VALLEY	8.0	420	PM	2/01	9 NW PRESCOTT
DEARING PARK	8.0	420	PM	2/01	5 W PRESCOTT
SEDONA	4.1	722	PM	2/01	
SLIDE ROCK STATE PARK	4.0	326	PM	2/01	
JEROME	4.0	800	AM	2/02	
PRESCOTT VALLEY	4.0	1257	PM	2/01	
PRESCOTT	3.6	900	AM	2/01	IRON SPGS RD
BAGDAD	3.0	600	AM	2/01	
ASH FORK	2.0	700	AM	2/01	
COTTONWOOD	1.5	1035	AM	2/02	TUZIGOOT NM
DEWEY-HUMBOLDT	1.0	750	AM	2/01	
MONTEZUMA CASTLE NM	Т	1016	AM	2/02	

February 18th Wind:

...PEAK WIND REPORTS...

LOCATION	SPE	CED	TIME/DATE		
1 W TWO GUNS	60	MPH	0315	PM	02/18
GRAND CANYON AIRPORT	59	MPH	0207	PM	02/18
WINSLOW AIRPORT	54	MPH	0329	PM	02/18
4 N HOUSE ROCK	52	MPH	0119	PM	02/18
4 NNE FRAZIERS WELL	51	MPH	0127	PM	02/18
2 ESE HEBER-OVERGAARD	49	MPH	0335	PM	02/18
LUPTON	48	MPH	0223	PM	02/18
6 SW WOODRUFF	45	MPH	0133	PM	02/18
PAGE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT	45	MPH	1232	PM	02/18
BRIGHT ANGEL POINT	45	MPH	0107	PM	02/18
WINDOW ROCK AIRPORT	45	MPH	0313	PM	02/18
SHONTO	44	MPH	0408	PM	02/18
SHOW LOW AIRPORT	44	MPH	0155	PM	02/18
6 W JOSEPH CITY	43	MPH	0203	PM	02/18
KYKOTSMOVI VILLAGE	43	MPH	0213	PM	02/18
9 S PINEDALE	42	MPH	0324	PM	02/18

6 SSW NAVAJO NATIONAL MONUME	42	MPH	0236	PM	02/18
3 NW WILLIAMS	41	MPH	0335	PM	02/18
FLAGSTAFF AIRPORT	41	MPH	0324	PM	02/18
PETRIFIED FOREST NTNL PARK	40	MPH	0243	PM	02/18
14 N JACOB LAKE	40	MPH	0133	AM	02/18
6 NNW BRIGHT ANGEL POINT	40	MPH	0308	PM	02/18
ST JOHNS AIRPORT	39	MPH	0145	PM	02/18
PRESCOTT AIRPORT	36	MPH	1142	AM	02/18

Record High Temperatures:

Saturday, Feb. 27th:

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 76 DEGREES WAS SET AT WINSLOW AZ AIRPORT. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 74 SET IN 2006.

Sunday, Feb. 21st:

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 63 DEGREES WAS SET AT FLAGSTAFF AZ AIRPORT. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 60 SET IN 1995.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 73 DEGREES WAS SET AT PRESCOTT AZ AIRPORT. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 72 SET IN 1991.

Thursday, Feb. 18th:

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 73 DEGREES WAS SET AT WINSLOW AZ AIRPORT. THIS TIES THE OLD RECORD OF 73 SET IN 1958.

Wednesday, Feb. 17th:

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 79 DEGREES WAS SET AT WINSLOW AZ AIRPORT. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 73 SET IN 2014. THIS ALSO TIES THE ALL TIME RECORD HIGH FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY...PREVIOUSLY SET ON FEB 15 2014.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 83 DEGREES WAS SET AT COTTONWOOD-TUZIGOOT AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 79 SET IN 1996.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 76 DEGREES WAS SET AT PETRIFIED FOREST AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 73 SET IN 1947.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 73 DEGREES WAS SET AT PRESCOTT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 72 SET IN 1977.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 77 DEGREES WAS SET AT SELIGMAN AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 76 SET IN 1996.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 71 DEGREES WAS SET AT SHOW LOW AIRPORT AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 66 SET IN 2004.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 66 DEGREES WAS TIED AT WILLIAMS AZ. THIS TIES THE OLD RECORD OF 66 SET IN 2004.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 73 DEGREES WAS TIED AT PAYSON AZ. THIS TIES THE OLD RECORD OF 73 SET IN 1958.

Tuesday, Feb. 16th:

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 74 DEGREES WAS SET AT PRESCOTT AZ AIRPORT. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 73 SET IN 1981.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 64 DEGREES WAS SET AT ALPINE AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 63 SET IN 1930.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 82 DEGREES WAS SET AT COTTONWOOD-TUZIGOOT AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 79 SET IN 2014.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 74 DEGREES WAS SET AT PAYSON AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 73 SET IN 1977.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 78 DEGREES WAS SET AT SELIGMAN AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 72 SET IN 1996.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 66 DEGREES WAS SET AT WILLIAMS AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 65 SET IN 1977.

Friday, February 12th:

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 67 DEGREES WAS SET AT WALNUT CANYON, AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 61 SET IN 2012.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 65 DEGREES WAS SET AT MCNARY AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 63 SET IN 1961.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 64 DEGREES WAS SET AT FLAGSTAFF AZ AIRPORT. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 62 SET IN 2014.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 75 DEGREES WAS SET AT PRESCOTT AZ AIRPORT. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 70 SET IN 1957.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 73 DEGREES WAS SET AT PRESCOTT AZ WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 70 SET IN 1910.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 81 DEGREES WAS SET AT COTTONWOOD-TUZIGOOT AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 80 SET IN 1957.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 78 DEGREES WAS SET AT SELIGMAN AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 70 SET IN 1967.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 66 DEGREES WAS SET AT WILLIAMS AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 64 SET IN 1904.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 64 DEGREES WAS SET AT SHOW LOW AZ AIRPORT. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 59 SET IN 2014. NOTE: RECORDS ONLY DATE BACK TO 1984.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 63 DEGREES WAS SET AT NAVAJO NATIONAL MONUMENT AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 56 SET IN 1954.

Thursday, Feb. 11th:

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 74 DEGREES WAS SET AT PRESCOTT AZ AIRPORT. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 70 SET IN 1996.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 59 DEGREES WAS TIED AT NAVAJO NATIONAL MONUMENT AZ. THIS TIES THE OLD RECORD OF 59 SET IN 2015.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 54 DEGREES WAS TIED AT THE BRIGHT ANGEL RANGER STATION AZ. THIS TIES THE OLD RECORD OF 54 SET IN 2002.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 76 DEGREES WAS SET AT SELIGMAN AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 71 SET IN 1951.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 81 DEGREES WAS SET AT COTTONWOOD-TUZIGOOT AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 80 SET IN 1971.

A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 64 DEGREES WAS SET AT WILLIAMS AZ. THIS BREAKS THE OLD RECORD OF 63 SET IN 1996.