#### MONTH IN REVIEW FOR NORTHERN ARIZONA FOR FEBRUARY 2019

#### ... FEBRUARY TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION OVERVIEW ...

Several wet storm systems brought well above average precipitation to northern Arizona during February 2019. The stormy pattern also resulted in much cooler than normal temperatures. A storm in mid February was warmer than usual and produced mostly heavy rainfall and serious flooding south of the Mogollon Rim. Then one of the most severe winter storms on record brought extreme snowfall to most of northern Arizona on February 21-22.

#### FEBRUARY DATA AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL FOR SELECTED CITIES

| Flagstaff       | <b>Max T</b><br>37.3 | <b>Dep</b><br>-7.5 | <b>Min T</b><br>14.4 | <b>Dep</b><br>-4.9 | <b>Precip</b> 6.51" | <b>Dep</b><br>+4.35" | <b>% Normal</b><br>301% |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Winslow         | 50.7                 | -5.1               | 24.9                 | +0.1               | 0.89"               | +0.43"               | 193%                    |
| Prescott AP     | 46.5                 | -8.4               | 25.1                 | -3.2               | 2.78"               | +1.39"               | 200%                    |
| Prescott WTP    | 46.1                 | -8.5               | 22.0                 | -4.4               | 4.89"               | +3.10"               | 273%                    |
| St Johns AP     | 49.6                 | -5.2               | 22.0                 | -2.7               | 0.46"               | -0.07"               | 87%                     |
| Grand Canyon AP | 39.3                 | -6.7               | 12.1                 | -4.3               | 3.04"               | +1.85"               | 255%                    |
| Bellemont       | 38.1                 | -7.3               | 13.0                 | -2.6               | 5.49"               | +3.01"               | 221%                    |
| Show Low AP     | 43.5                 | -8.0               | 25.8                 | -0.4               | 2.80"               | +1.72"               | 259%                    |
| Seligman        | 49.0                 | -7.5               | 22.1                 | -3.3               | 2.89"               | +1.75"               | 253%                    |
| Page Airport    | 46.2                 | -4.6               | 29.7                 | -3.3               | 1.46"               | +0.81"               | 224%                    |
| Window Rock     | 43.0                 | -4.7               | 15.7                 | -2.6               | 2.53"               | +1.80"               | 347%                    |

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| F                     | LAGSTAFF                         | PRESCOTT                          | PAYSON                           |
| TOTAL                 | 71.3" 2ND SNOWIEST               | 22.4"<br>6 <sup>TH</sup> SNOWIEST | 38.0"<br>SNOWIEST<br>ON RECORD   |
| TOTAL<br>RECIPITATION | 6.51"<br>4 <sup>TH</sup> WETTEST | 4.89"<br>8 <sup>TH</sup> WETTEST  | 6.46" 3 <sup>RD</sup> WETTEST    |
| AVERAGE<br>EMPERATURE | 25.8° 12 <sup>TH</sup> COLDEST   | 34.1°<br>8 <sup>TH</sup> COLDEST  | 37.8°<br>8 <sup>TH</sup> COLDEST |

# ...Additional Precipitation Reports from Coop Observers...

| Location Febru              | ary Precip (in.) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| BAGDAD                      | 6.67             |
| BELLEMONT WFO               | 5.49             |
| BLUE RIDGE RANGER STATION   | 5.96             |
| BRIGHT ANGEL (NORTH RIM)    | 6.72             |
| CANYON DE CHELLY            | 1.33             |
| GRAND CANYON EAST ENTRANCE  | 4.41             |
| GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER | 3.63             |
| JEROME                      | 3.52             |
| MCNARY                      | 4.65             |
| NATURAL BRIDGE              | 6.27             |
| PAYSON                      | 6.46             |
| PHANTOM RANCH               | 3.02             |
| PRESCOTT (CITY)             | 2.29             |
| SELIGMAN                    | 2.89             |
| SHOW LOW AIRPORT            | 2.80             |
| SPRINGERVILLE               | 1.60             |
| SUNRISE MOUNTAIN            | 7.13             |
| SUNSET CRATER N.M.          | 2.92             |
| TEEC NOS POS                | 1.70             |
| WALNUT CANYON N.M.          | 4.49             |
| WILLIAMS                    | 8.80             |
| WUPATKI N.M.                | 0.51             |

# ...SIGNIFICANT WEATHER...

## ...Rain and Snow Feb 3-6...

A moist storm system brought heavy rain and moderate amounts of snow to the region. Minor flooding was reported on several creeks south of the Mogollon Rim including Oak Creek and Beaver Creek. The flooding affected an RV park in Page Springs. Here are some snow totals:

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...Apache County...

Fort Defiance 3.7 in

...Coconino County...

Jacob Lake 18.0 in

Flagstaff 4-10 in

Kachina Village 10.0 in
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Forest Lakes
                             8.0 in
Fort Valley
                             6.0 in
Williams
                             6.0 in
Doney Park
                             3.7 in
Bellemont (NWS Flagstaff)
                             2.0 in
...Gila County...
                             2.5 in
Strawberry
...Navajo County...
Heber-Overgaard
                             5.0 in
                             3.5 in
Mcnary
Clay Springs
                             2.0 in
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# ...Flooding Rain Feb 14...

Heavy rainfall occurred, with amounts of 1-3 inches common along the Mogollon Rim. This combined with melting snow to produce large rises along streams and rivers along and south of the Mogollon Rim including Oak Creek, Pumphouse Wash, Beaver Creek, Verde River, Agua Fria River, Black Canyon Creek. Some stream gauges indicated water levels rapidly rising to near record stage. Flood damage was reported in Sedona and at Montezuma Castle National Monument.

### ...Feb 21-22 Severe Winter Storm...

A cold, strong, intensifying low pressure system spread a deep blanket of snow over a majority of Central and Northern Arizona between the evening of February 20th and the night of February 22nd, 2019. Across the Mogollon Rim and other high country regions, reports of two to over three feet of snow were received. Anywhere from a few inches to over a foot of snow fell in the lower deserts and valleys of northern Arizona. For many locations across Central and Northern Arizona, this storm was among the top 10 greatest recorded. The single-day snowfall record was broken at Flagstaff Airport and in Show Low. As a result of the heavy snowfall, major roadways were closed, trees were downed and power was lost in local communities.

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STORM TOTAL SNOWFALL FEBRUARY 20-22
...Apache County...

Cove 20.0 in

Fort Defiance 18.0 in

Alpine 17.0 in

Window Rock 17.0 in

Oak Springs 16.0 in
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| Vernon                       | 15-17 in |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Window Rock                  | 14-17 in |
| Snowflake                    | 14.0 in  |
| Steamboat Canyon             | 12-13 in |
| Concho                       | 13.0 in  |
| Nahata Dziil                 | 11.0 in  |
| Hunt                         | 11.0 in  |
| Springerville                | 10.0 in  |
| Eagar                        | 9-10 in  |
| Saint Johns                  | 6.0 in   |
|                              |          |
| Coconino County              |          |
| Kachina Village              | 35-48 in |
| Forest Lakes                 | 35-43 in |
| Munds Park                   | 35-43 in |
| Flagstaff                    | 25-40 in |
| Flagstaff Airport (Official) | 40.8 in  |
| Mormon Lake                  | 40.0 in  |
| Williams                     | 30-38 in |
| Parks                        | 25-34 in |
| Mountainaire                 | 30-33 in |
| Oak Creek Canyon             | 22-33 in |
| Bellemont (NWS Flagstaff)    | 23.3 in  |
| Fort Valley                  | 19.0 in  |
| Doney Park                   | 10-18 in |
| East Sedona                  | 15-18 in |
| Ash Fork                     | 15.0 in  |
| Fraziers Well                | 12.0 in  |
| Grand Canyon South Rim       | 7-12 in  |
| Tonalea                      | 7.0 in   |
| Tuba City                    | 0.5 in   |
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...Gila County...

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| Ash Fork          | 6.0 in |
|-------------------|--------|
| Middle Verde      | 6.0 in |
|                   |        |
| Rimrock           | 5.5 in |
| Camp Verde        | 3-5 in |
| Black Canyon City | 2.0 in |
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## Observed Storm Total Snow Wednesday Night - Friday Valid: February 20-22, 2019

