

MONTH IN REVIEW FOR NORTHERN ARIZONA FOR MARCH 2011

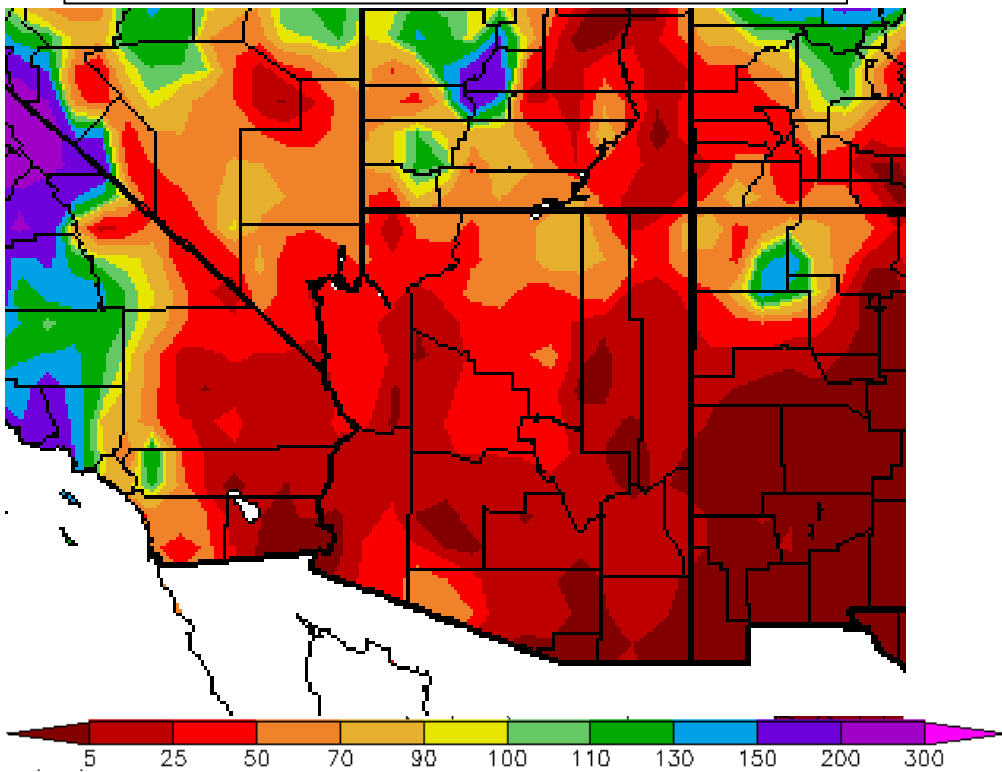
...TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION OVERVIEW...

MARCH WAS DRIER AND WARMER THAN NORMAL ACROSS NORTHERN AND CENTRAL ARIZONA. THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO A STORM TRACK THAT REMAINED NORTH OF THE STATE FOR MUCH OF THE MONTH. THE STORM SYSTEMS THAT DID AFFECT THE AREA PRODUCED ONLY LIGHT TO MODERATE PRECIPITATION AMOUNTS AND GUSTY WINDS. THE DRIEST WEATHER WAS ACROSS EAST-CENTRAL ARIZONA WHERE PRECIPITATION WAS LESS THAN 20 PERCENT OF AVERAGE FOR MANY LOCATIONS.

MARCH DATA AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL FOR SELECTED CITIES:

	MAX	DEP	MIN	DEP	PCPN	DEP
	TEMP	NORM	TEMP	NORM	TOTL	NORM
FLAGSTAFF	53.5	+3.4	25.5	+3.1	0.95	-1.13
BELLEMONT	52.7	+0.9	21.6	+2.1	0.83	-0.67
GRAND CANYON	55.3	+2.8	20.8	-3.4	0.87	-0.99
WINSLOW	67.5	+5.7	31.6	+1.5	0.02	-0.47
PRESCOTT AIRPORT	64.3	+4.8	34.1	+2.8	0.29	-0.72
SAINT JOHNS	65.9	+4.9	28.7	+1.6	0.12	-0.61
PAGE	63.4	+1.8	40.7	+1.2	0.15	-0.22
SELIGMAN	64.4	+3.2	28.3	+1.3	0.09	-0.86
SHOW LOW AP	61.3	+3.0	33.1	+2.5	0.01	-0.93
WINDOW ROCK	58.9	+6.2	23.5	-0.1	0.50	-0.33

Percent of Average Precipitation for March 2011



...YAVAPAI COUNTY...
 2 W PRESCOTT 3.3
 5 NW PRESCOTT 1.5

*****PEAK WIND GUST*****

LOCATION	MAX WIND GUST MPH	TIME/DATE OF MEASUREMENT
...APACHE COUNTY...		
LUPTON	62	1151 AM 3/21
WINDOW ROCK	60	325 PM 3/21
ST. JOHNS	54	1204 PM 3/21
...COCONINO COUNTY...		
TWO GUNS	67	801 AM 3/21
PAGE	51	800 AM 3/21
GRAND CANYON AIRPORT	48	512 AM 3/21
FLAGSTAFF	45	400 AM 3/21
...NAVAJO COUNTY...		
WINSLOW	59	826 AM 3/21
SHOW LOW	47	1155 AM 3/21
...YAVAPAI COUNTY...		
SEDONA	48	500 AM 3/21
PRESCOTT	45	600 AM 3/21

... MARCH 31 ...

A STRONG RIDGE DEVELOPED OVER THE STATE TO CLOSE OUT THE MONTH. THIS RESULTED IN WELL ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES. FLAGSTAFF RECORDED A HIGH OF 71...COTTONWOOD HIT 89...AND PAYSON 82 DEGREES.

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