

Monitoring Work Group Stated Priorities for 2006

1. Continue to work with the Western Governors' Association to develop the National Integrated Drought Information System (WGA-NIDIS) proposal to congress.
2. Identify impact of different levels of drought on the state and build a list of impacts on a spatial scale.
3. Create a survey to discover who is using the drought maps and monthly reports and what are they using it for. Publish results.
4. Continue to seek funding for additional monitoring equipment and developing better statistical tools to aid in gathering information that will allow better monitoring of drought.
5. Devise a list of drought triggers that will help quantify when a drought is in effect and when a state of drought should be declared.
6. Continue to coordinate with the Arizona drought monitoring committee to provide more consistent monitoring between the states of New Mexico and Arizona.