DROUGHT CONDITIONS THIS WEEK

Beneficial rainfalls have improved drought conditions across Texas. Less than 5% of the state falls within the extreme to exceptional drought category, while a majority undergoes moderate drought conditions. Despite these improvements, statewide reservoir storage hovers below 60% full. Significantly more rainfall is required to replenish these key reservoirs.

Current Drought statistics
• 94% of state currently in drought
• 93% a week ago
• 99% three months ago
• 83% a year ago

A WIDER VIEW OF THE DROUGHT

Every once in a while we take a wider view of the U.S. Drought Monitor to see what’s happening in southern Colorado (the source of much of the water in Elephant Butte Reservoir, which is used as a source for the El Paso area).

Drought Impact Types:
〜 Delineates dominant impacts
S = Short Term, typically <6 months (e.g., agriculture, grasslands)
L = Long Term, typically >6 months (e.g., hydrology, ecology)