



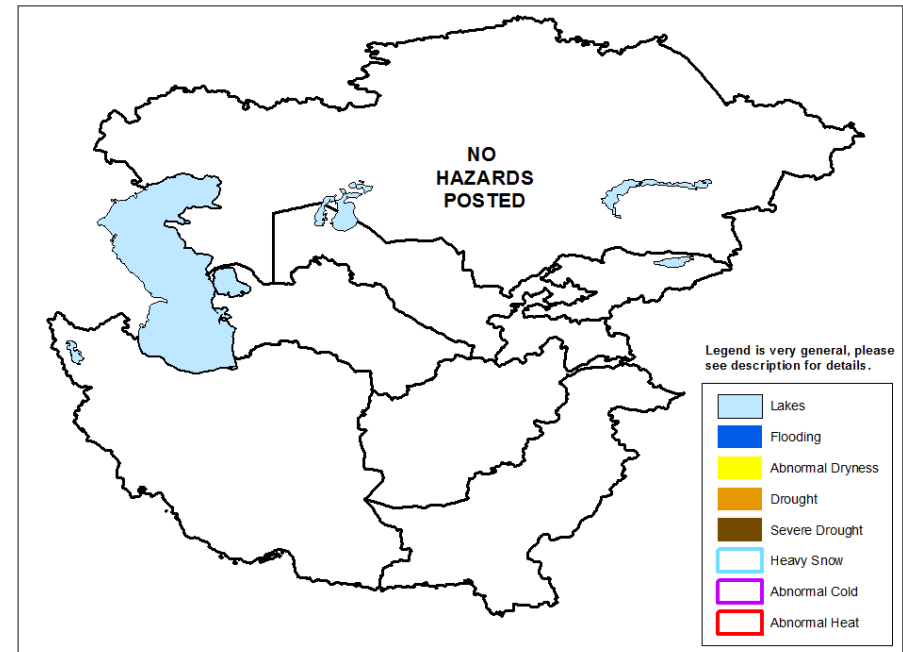
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook December 18 - 24, 2014

Temperatures:

Below-normal temperatures (1 to 7 degrees C) persisted across Central Asia during the second week of December. The coldest temperatures were observed across northern Kazakhstan where minimum temperatures fell below -30 degrees C. Widespread freezing temperatures occurred across the lower elevations of Afghanistan. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that temperatures will moderate this upcoming week.

Precipitation

Light to moderate snow (14 mm or less, liquid equivalent) was limited to eastern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan from December 7-13. 90-day precipitation is generally above-normal throughout the region except for northwest Kazakhstan, according to the CPC-Unified data. During the next week, mostly dry weather is expected for Central Asia.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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