Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook
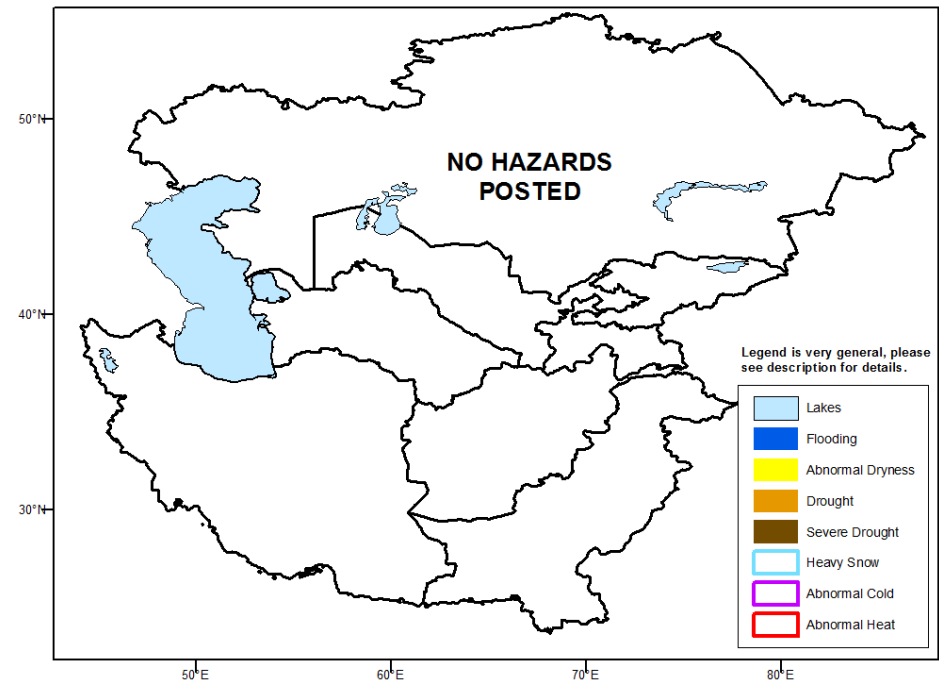## September 27 – October 3, 2018

Temperatures:

After a few weeks of below normal temperatures, a warming trend resulted in weekly temperatures averaging near to above normal from September 16 to 22. Subfreezing temperatures were limited to northeast Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. The GFS model indicates that a broad upper-level ridge is likely to maintain above normal temperatures into the first week of October.

Precipitation

Widespread precipitation (locally up to 36 mm) occurred across north-central Kazakhstan, while seasonal dryness prevailed across the remainder of the region. This past week's rainfall reduced 90-day precipitation deficits across northwest Kazakhstan.

The strong ridge aloft is likely to result in mostly dry weather throughout the region during the next week although light rainfall (less than 25 mm) is predicted across far northern Kazakhstan. The GFS ensemble mean indicates that a dry pattern persists through early October.

NO HAZARDS POSTED

Legend is very general, please see description for details.

	Lakes
	Flooding
	Abnormal Dryness
	Drought
	Severe Drought
	Heavy Snow
	Abnormal Cold
	Abnormal Heat

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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