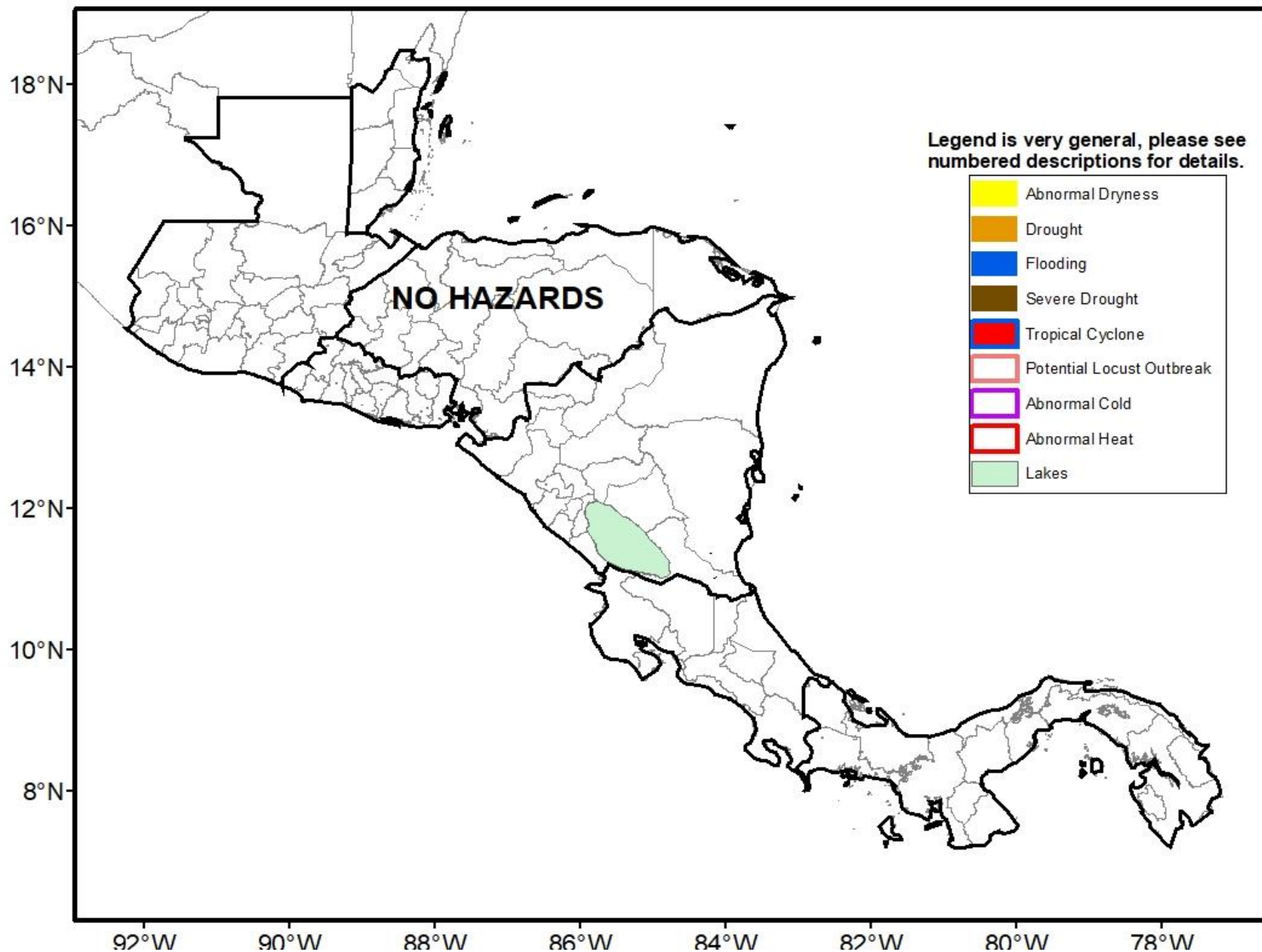




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook April 09 - 15, 2020

- Showers and thunderstorms were observed over parts of Honduras and Guatemala



Moisture conditions have generally been sufficient and near normal in the region over the last 30 days. The bulk of the rainfall this past week was located in Guatemala and Honduras where scattered showers and thunderstorms were observed. Locally, more than 100mm of rainfall was observed according to satellite estimates. Over the past several weeks, most climatologically favored areas have received normal rains. Parts of the southern Caribbean and parts of Belize observed slight rainfall suppression. This follows a relatively wet Apante season in Central America. Drought monitors and vegetation health indices suggest that ground conditions are largely good in the region as April begins. A few local areas of Belize and northern Guatemala may be the exception.

During the outlook period, central portions of the region are expected to be dry. Moderate or even heavy rains (50+mm) are expected in Costa Rica and Panama -areas typically active this time of year. Normal rain conditions are in the forecast for southern Guatemala. The GEFS indicates rainfall totals will be near average (locally 25+mm) and other guidance now agrees. Drier conditions are expected in northern Guatemala and Belize.

