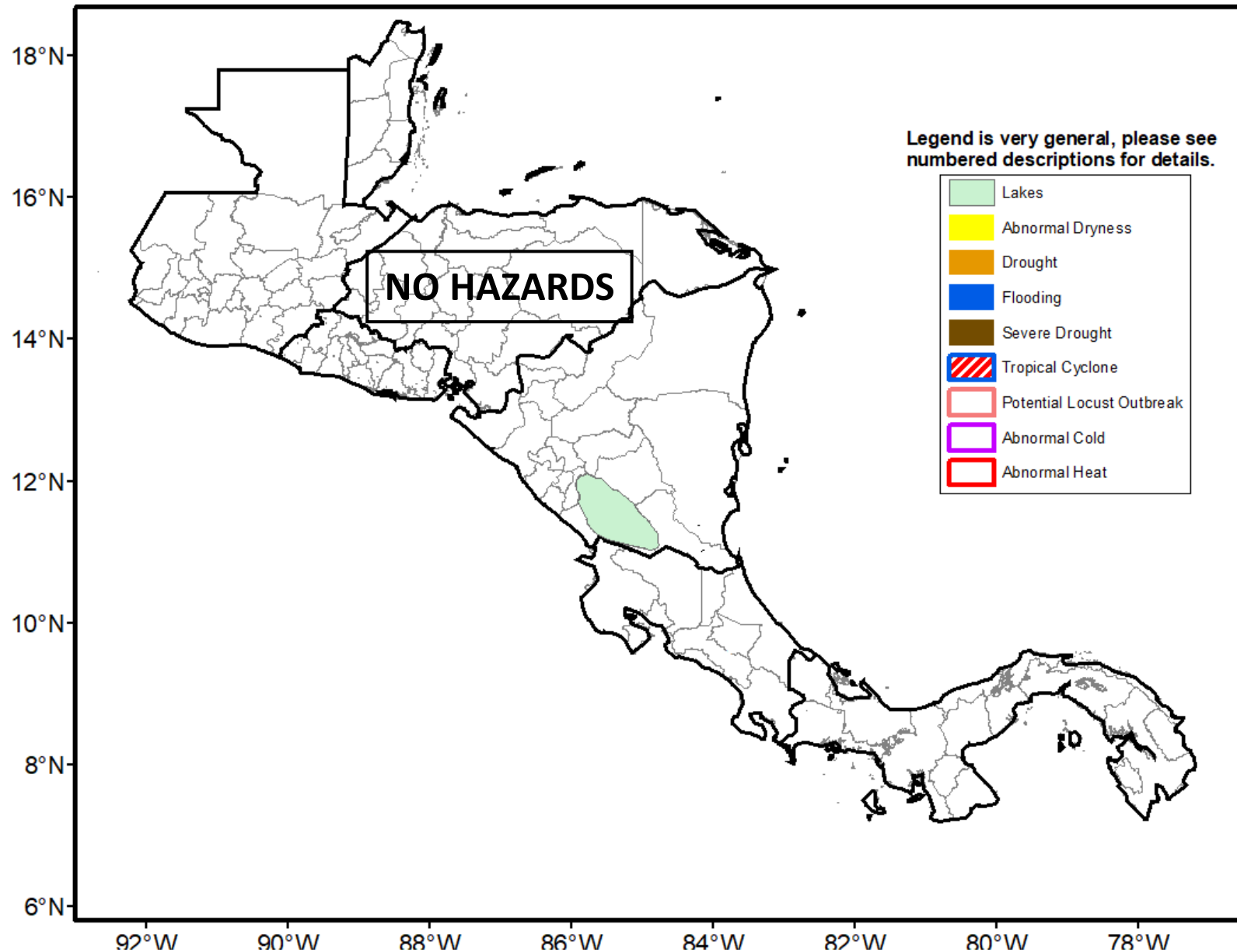




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook February 11 – 17, 2021

Seasonal temperatures and marginal rainfall are expected over Central America during the next week.



Little to no rainfall forecast in northern Honduras and across the interior of Central America

Weather patterns indicated mostly dry conditions over Central America, except for the Caribbean coasts of northern Honduras, Costa Rica, and Panama, where light to moderate rains were received during the past week. An analysis of the accumulated rainfall over the past thirty days has shown that near-average conditions dominated over the region. However, small (< 25 mm) thirty-day rainfall deficits were registered in eastern Honduras and northeastern Nicaragua. Conversely, moisture surpluses were observed over a few areas, including northern Honduras, southeastern Nicaragua, and portions of the southern Caribbean. The continuation of seasonal rainfall should, in general, help provide favorable soil moisture over many local areas during the *Apante*, December-April, growing season.

For next week, rainfall forecasts suggest near-average conditions with suppressed rainfall over much of the interior of Central America. However, localized and enhanced moderate rains are possible in western Guatemala. For temperatures, near to slightly above-average temperatures are expected to return over the region, with the exception for the highest terrains, where minimum temperature could still fall near or below freezing. Also, strong winds are forecast across central Guatemala and northern Honduras, potentially causing destruction of homes and infrastructures and spreading of fires over local areas.

