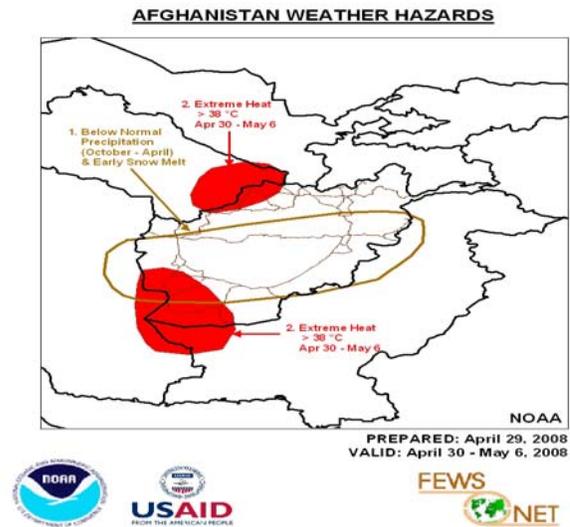


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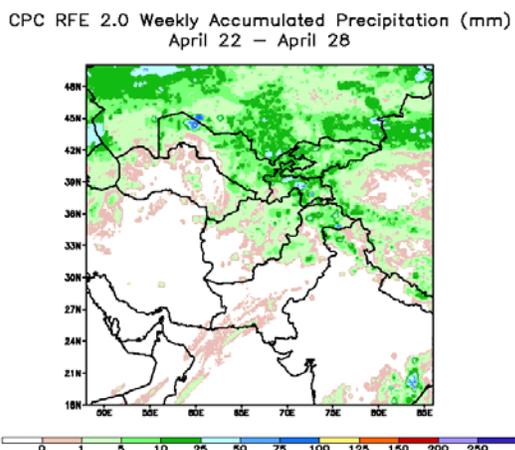
From October 1, 2007 to April 10, 2008, a widespread area of Afghanistan has received below normal precipitation. The USGS analysis indicates that precipitation deficits exceed 200 mm in the east-central parts of Afghanistan. During late February and March, above normal temperatures have resulted in an early melt of a below normal snow pack. Snow rapidly melted away from the central highlands, four to six weeks earlier than normal, but snow has accumulated since the beginning of April. The lack of winter precipitation coupled with an early snow melt may result in a lack of adequate water resource. During the next week, mostly dry weather will be accompanied by above normal temperatures. Snow that has recently accumulated in the central highlands will likely melt away with the warmer temperatures. Extreme heat (maximum temperatures above 38 °C) will likely affect parts of the lowlands of Afghanistan.

Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan



- 1) A widespread area of Afghanistan has experienced below normal precipitation during the winter and an early snow melt.
- 2) Extreme heat (maximum temperatures above 38 °C will affect the southwest and north-central parts of Afghanistan.

Figure 2. Accumulated liquid precipitation forecast, in mm, April 23 – 29, 2008

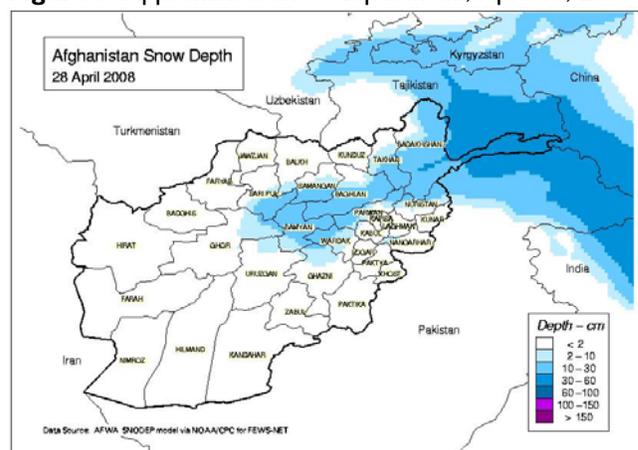


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Figure 3. Approximate snow depth in cm, April 19, 2008



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