

AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

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During early to mid-October, much of Afghanistan experienced warmer than average temperatures. In late October and early November, however, temperatures dropped significantly to as low as -20 °C (Figure 2) in the highest-elevations of northeast Afghanistan. Mid-November temperatures plunged to 4 to 6 degrees below-average and some areas, primarily in the lowland areas, dropped to 8-10 degrees below-average.

The current Afghanistan season is progressing close to the way a season would normally. Precipitation has been largely confined to the northeastern areas and the central highlands. Thus far, significant snowfall has accumulated in the northeastern parts of the country, with much lighter amounts in the central highlands.

During the next week, snow depths will continue to increase (Figure 3). Light snow is also likely in the highest elevations of central Afghanistan. This is typical for this time of year. Temperatures are expected to moderate slightly during the coming week.

Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan

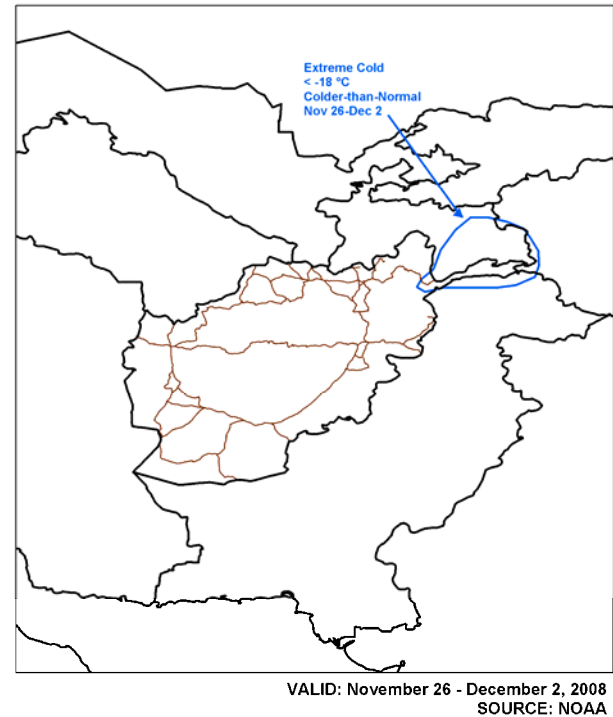


Figure 2. Extreme minimum temperature (°C) forecast for November 24 – December 1, 2008

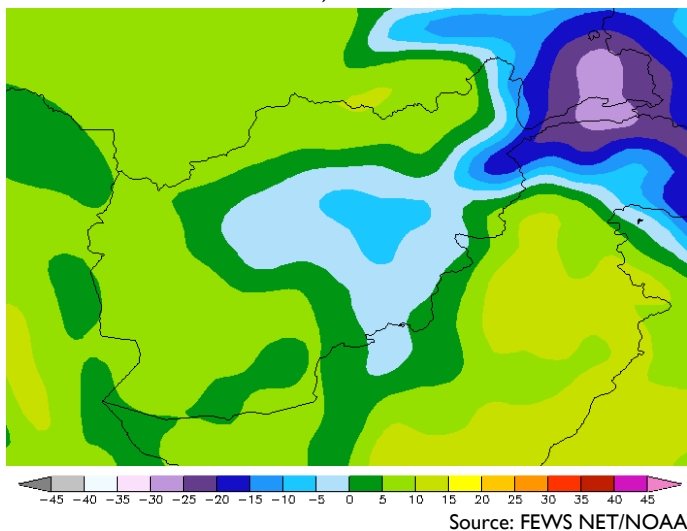


Figure 3. Snow depth (cm) forecast for December 1, 2008

