

## AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

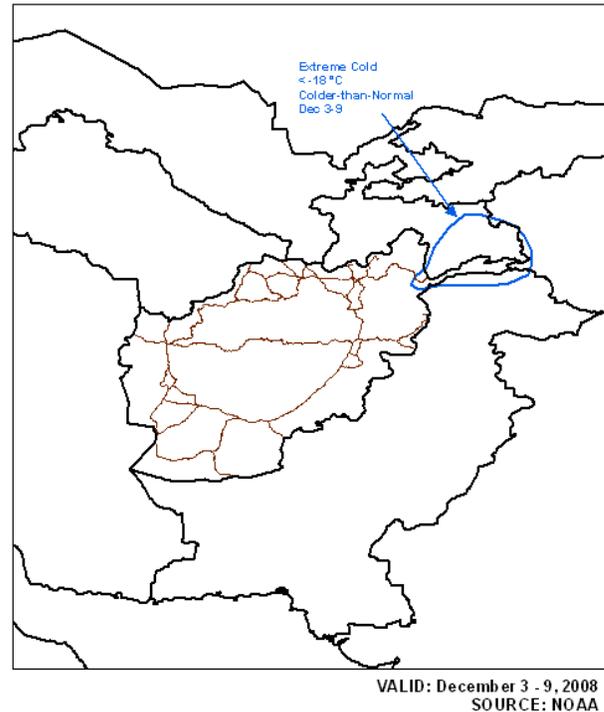
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During mid-November temperatures plunged to 4 to 8 °C degrees below-average. However, during the final ten days of November, temperatures rapidly moderated and generally averaged above-average except for the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan where temperatures remained below-average. During the next week, colder-than-normal temperatures will likely continue in the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan and minimum temperatures will fall below -20 °C (Figure 2).

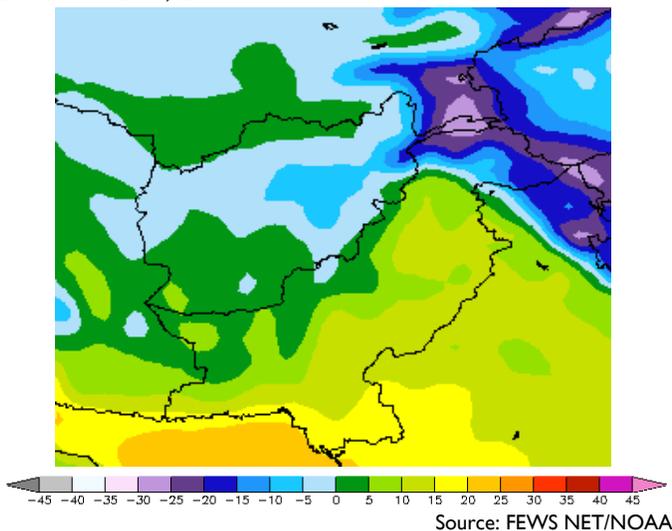
Thus far, significant snowfall has accumulated in the northeastern parts of the country, with much lighter amounts in the central highlands. Thru November 20, precipitation has averaged above normal across most of Afghanistan.

A slow-moving storm will bring occasional rain to the lowlands of Afghanistan and snow to the central highlands and northeast Afghanistan. Therefore, snow depths will continue to increase (Figure 3). Snow could become briefly heavy and total accumulations during the upcoming week may exceed in 30 cm.

**Figure 1.** Weather hazards in Afghanistan



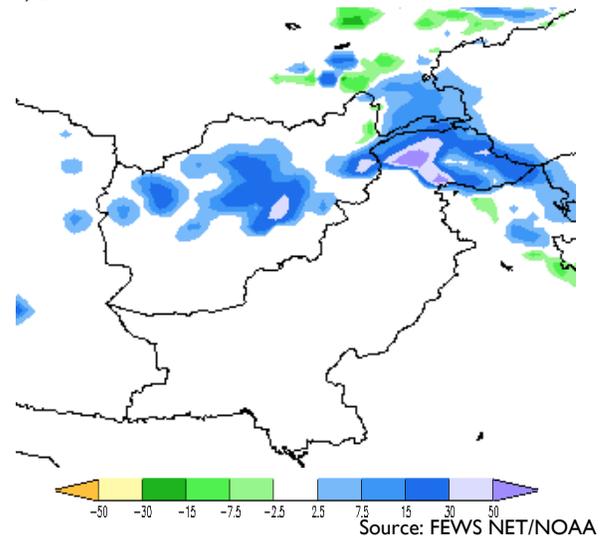
**Figure 2.** Extreme minimum temperature (°C) forecast for December 2 - 8, 2008



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**Figure 3.** Snow depth (cm) forecast for December 2 - 8, 2008



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