

AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

#23, June 17 – 23, 2009

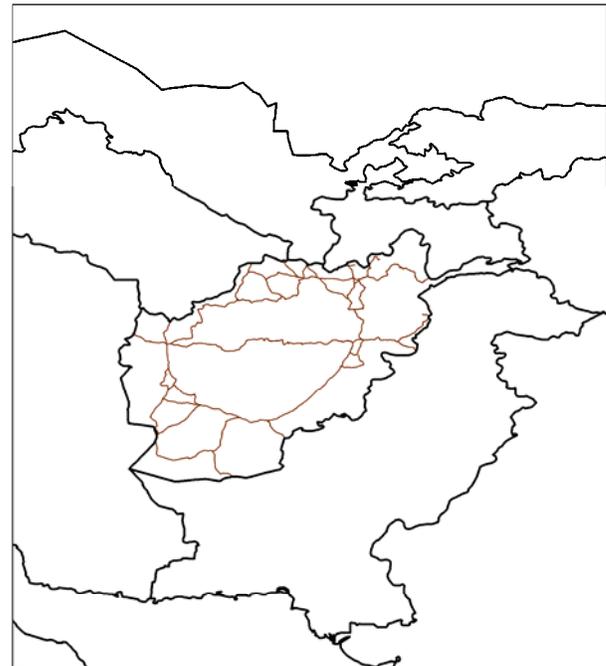
An overall above average wet season for Afghanistan has given way to more typical dry weather during the month of June. During the winter months an usually deep snow pack built up. As temperatures began to warm during the spring months, as is typical, the snow began to melt. However, precipitation continued, causing numerous rain-on-snow events. These events are known to cause rapid snow melt. As a result many parts of Afghanistan reported flooding triggered by melt water.

In June much of the country dried out, but also temperatures changed from running above normal in the low lands, to more seasonable temperatures. Temperatures, which had been normal to below normal in the northeast, have since become slightly cooler than normal.

Snow pack now remains confined to the higher elevations of the northeast, as is typically for this time of year, and light precipitation also remains in the northeast.

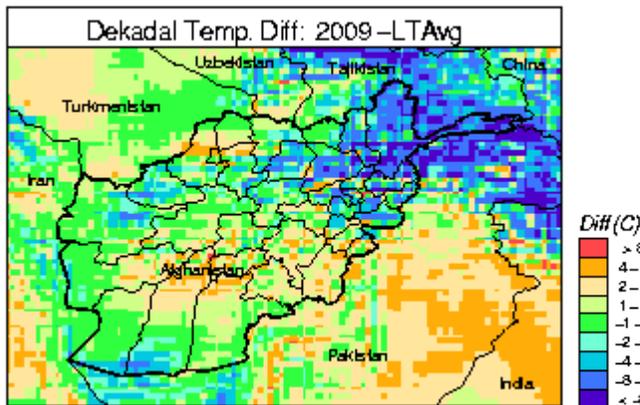
The coming week will continue to bring dry, warm weather to much of the country, although wet and cooler conditions are likely in the northeast.

Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan



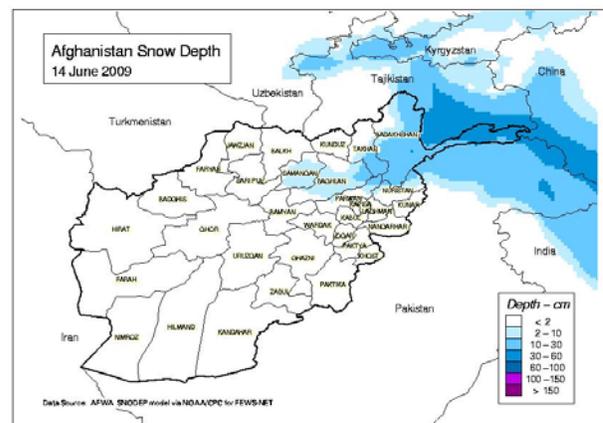
VALID: June 17 - 23, 2009
SOURCE: NOAA

Figure 2. Temperature anomaly for the 1st dekad of June 2009.



Source: USGS

Figure 3. Snow depth as of June 14, 2009



Source: NOAA/CPC Data from AFWA