

AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

#36, September 16 - 22, 2009

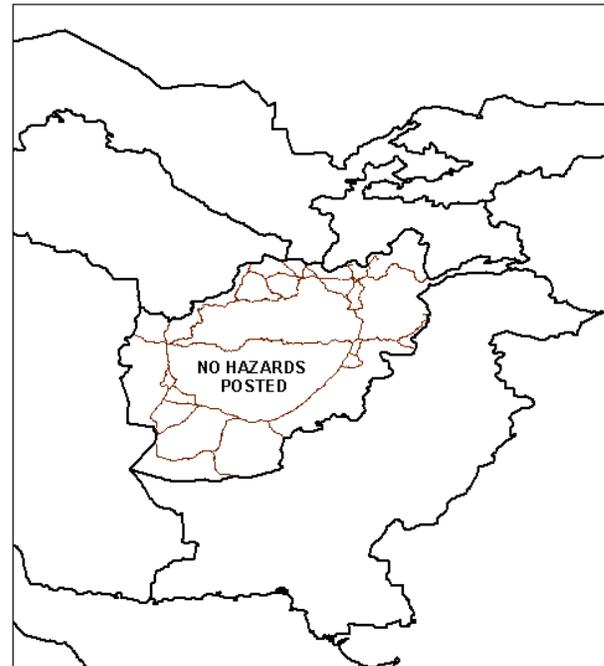
An overall above average wet season for Afghanistan has given way to more seasonal dry weather during the summer. During the winter months a deep snow pack developed across the central highlands and northeast mountains. As temperatures began to warm during the spring months, as is typical, the snow began to melt. The snow melt combined with rainfall triggered localized flooding.

Snow pack now remains confined to the highest elevations of the northeast, as is typical for September.

During the past week, a few showers fell in the central highlands and northeast mountains. Seasonal dryness can be expected across much of Afghanistan for the upcoming week.

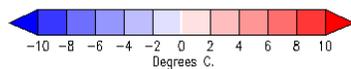
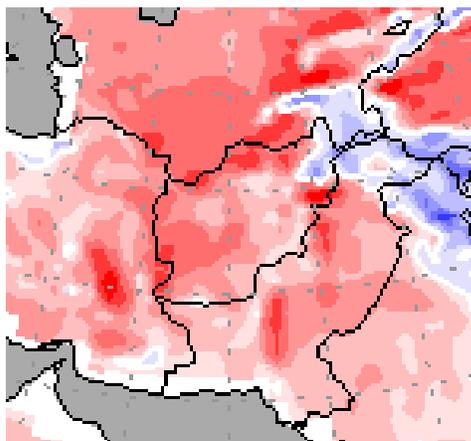
During July and August, above-normal temperatures remained in place across the lowlands of Afghanistan with cooler-than-normal temperatures across most of Afghanistan. Following a week of cooler-than-normal temperatures, above normal temperatures are forecast across much of the country during the next week (Figure 2). Minimum temperatures will range from -10 to -5 °C in the northeast mountains and could fall below 5 °C in the central highlands (Figure 3).

Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan



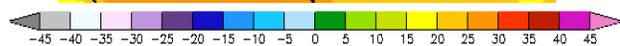
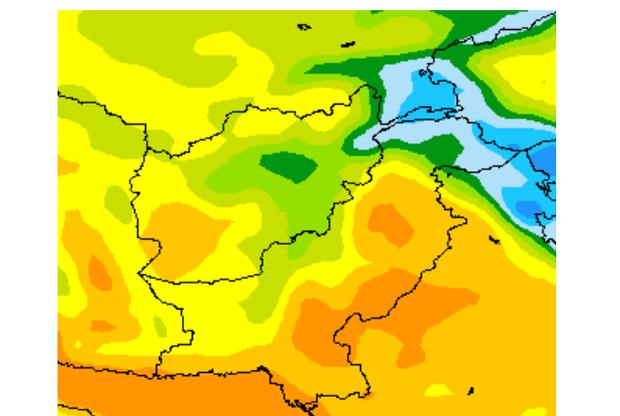
VALID: September 16 - 22, 2009
SOURCE: NOAA

Figure 2. Temperature Anomaly for September 15 - 21, 2009.



Source: COLA

Figure 3. Extreme Minimum Temperature (°C) for September 15 - 21, 2009.



Source: NOAA/CPC