



Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook September 26 – October 2, 2019

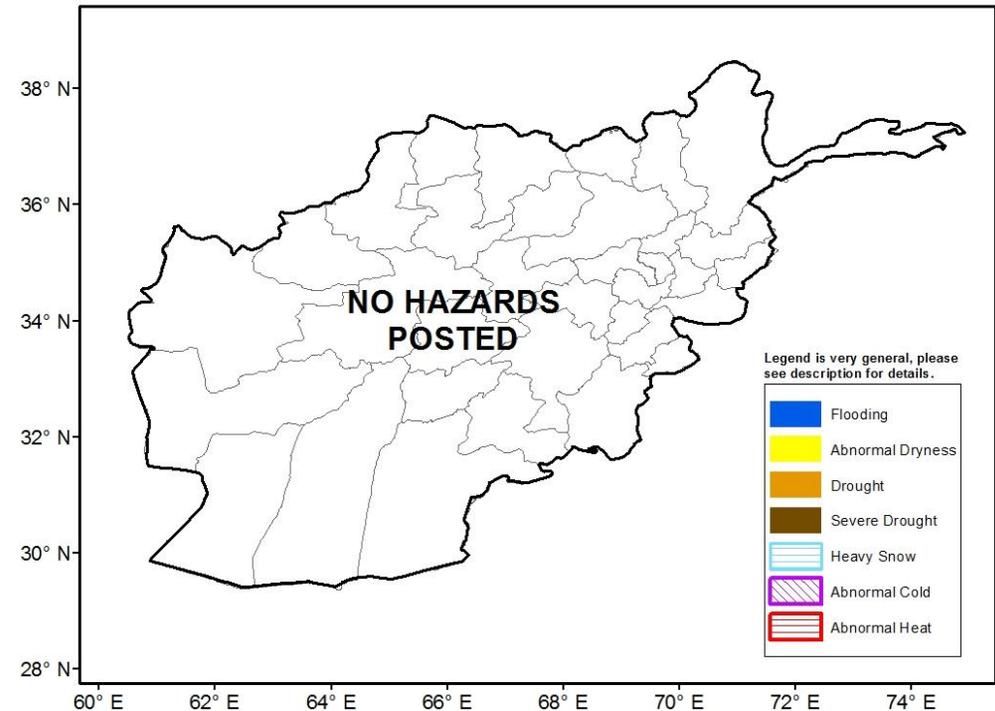
Temperatures:

During the past week, mean temperatures were well-above average across Afghanistan. Positive 7-day mean temperature anomalies as large as 9°C were observed in eastern portions of the country, and at least 3°C at every station. Maximum temperatures topped out in the upper 30s degrees C across southern and western provinces. One station reported 40°C in Hirat province. Minimum temperatures remained above freezing except for the high peaks in the northeast.

Warmer-than-average temperatures are forecast to predominate once again in Afghanistan during the outlook period. Some of the largest departures from normal (8-12°C) will be found in the north. Maximum temperatures reaching 40°C are still possible across many lower elevation regions of the country.

Precipitation:

Conditions were seasonably dry across Afghanistan during the past 7 days. Vegetation health is mediocre as is not uncommon for later in the dry season. Poorer VHI values are especially focused over the southeast where Indian monsoon related rainfall was less than normal this summer. The forecast during the outlook period is for seasonably dry conditions to continue over the country.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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