



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook February 4 – 10, 2016

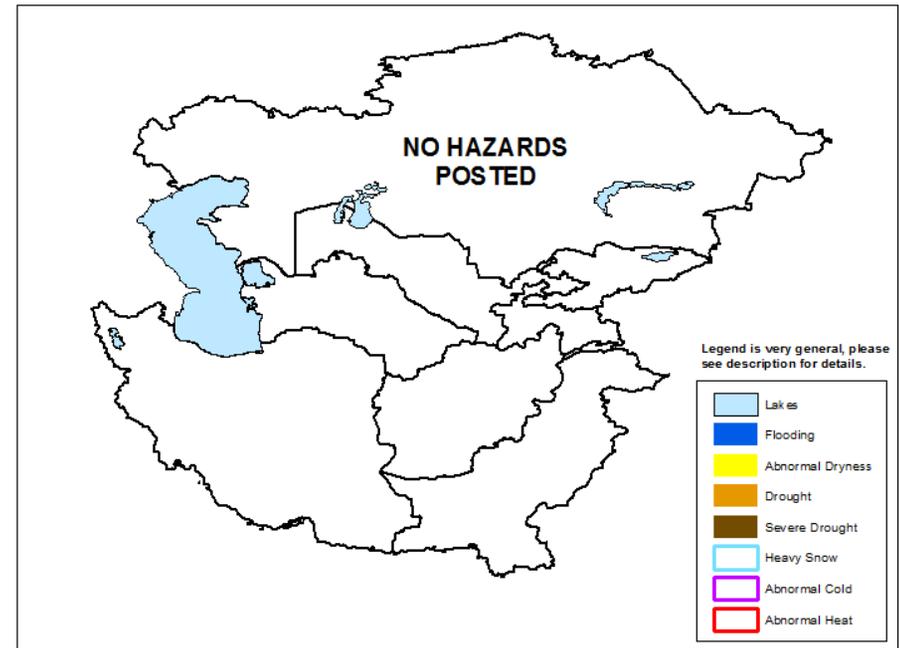
Temperatures:

Below-normal temperatures (1 to 7 degrees C) persisted across northern and eastern Kazakhstan during the final week of January, while above-normal temperatures (1 to 8 degrees C) continued across the remainder of the region. Minimum temperatures fell to as low as -33 degrees C across northeast Kazakhstan. The GFS model indicates that minimum temperatures will average at or above-normal during early February.

Precipitation

Rain and high-elevation snow (2 to 35 mm, liquid equivalent) fell across Afghanistan, southern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan from January 24 to 30, while mostly dry weather prevailed across northeast Kazakhstan. According to the CPC Unified Gauge Analysis, precipitation has averaged generally above-normal throughout the region. Snow water equivalent values, based on model analysis, increased during late January are running close to average across most basins of Afghanistan and Tajikistan. However, snow water equivalent values are below-normal across southeast Afghanistan.

During the next week, drier weather is expected to return to much of the region except for northern Kazakhstan where precipitation amounts are forecast to locally exceed 25 mm, liquid equivalent.



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.