



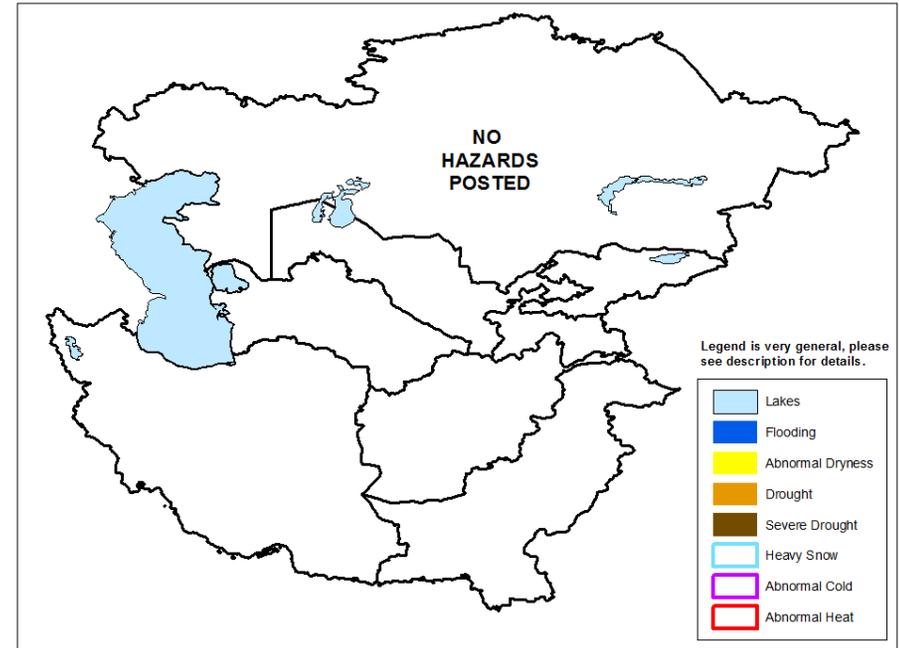
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook March 31 – April 6, 2016

Temperatures:

From March 20-26, mean surface temperatures averaged above-normal across Kazakhstan, with the largest warm anomalies ranging between 7-9 degrees Celsius over the central parts of the country. Meanwhile, near-normal temperatures were observed elsewhere farther south. During the upcoming seven days, near-normal temperatures are expected over Central Asia. Maximum temperature is forecast to range in the upper 20's to mid-30's degrees Celsius in southern Turkmenistan and the low-lying areas of northern and western Afghanistan.

Precipitation

From March 22-28, scattered light precipitation fell over northern Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and central Kazakhstan, while widespread, light precipitation was observed in northern Turkmenistan. Since late February, normal to above-normal precipitation has helped eliminate thirty-day precipitation deficits and mitigate dryness over many local areas of the region. During the next week, precipitation forecasts call for the return of wet weather pattern, with widespread, moderate to locally heavy precipitation over Afghanistan and Tajikistan. To the north, light to moderate precipitation is expected over Kazakhstan.



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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