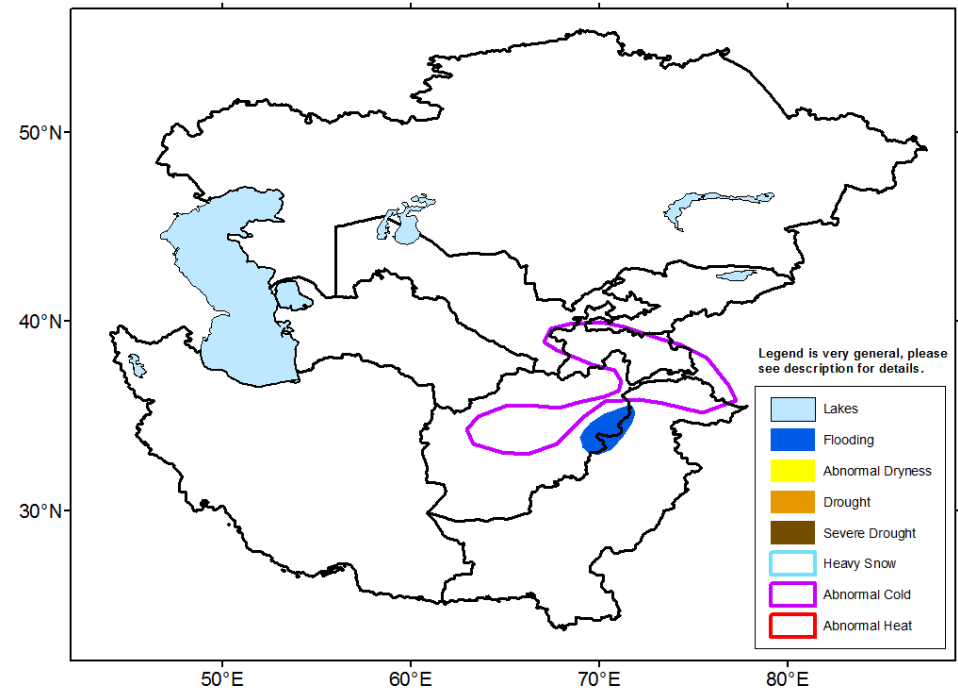# Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook
## March 9 - 15, 2017

**Temperatures:**

During late February to early March, temperatures averaged above normal across much of Central Asia. The largest positive anomalies were observed in northern Kazakhstan, with positive departures ranging between 7-9 degrees Celsius. During the next week, a return to below-normal temperatures, with cold anomalies exceeding 8 degrees Celsius, is forecast over central and northeastern Afghanistan and Tajikistan. However, the potential for localized flooding still exists as maximum temperature is expected to average between 10-20 degrees Celsius across the low-lying areas of Afghanistan.

**Precipitation**

During the past week, scattered little to light (< 25 mm, liquid equivalent) precipitation fell over Central Asia. The heaviest precipitation was received in southeastern Kazakhstan, northern Kyrgyzstan, and southwestern Afghanistan. Although some basins of northern Afghanistan showed continued decrease in snow water volume due to snow melt, most remain above-average. During the next week, heavy snowfall is possible over the northeastern mountains of Afghanistan, while light to locally moderate precipitation is forecast over central Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.



Legend is very general, please see description for details.

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| Lakes | |
| Flooding | |
| Abnormal Dryness | |
| Drought | |
| Severe Drought | |
| Heavy Snow | |
| Abnormal Cold | |
| Abnormal Heat | |

**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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