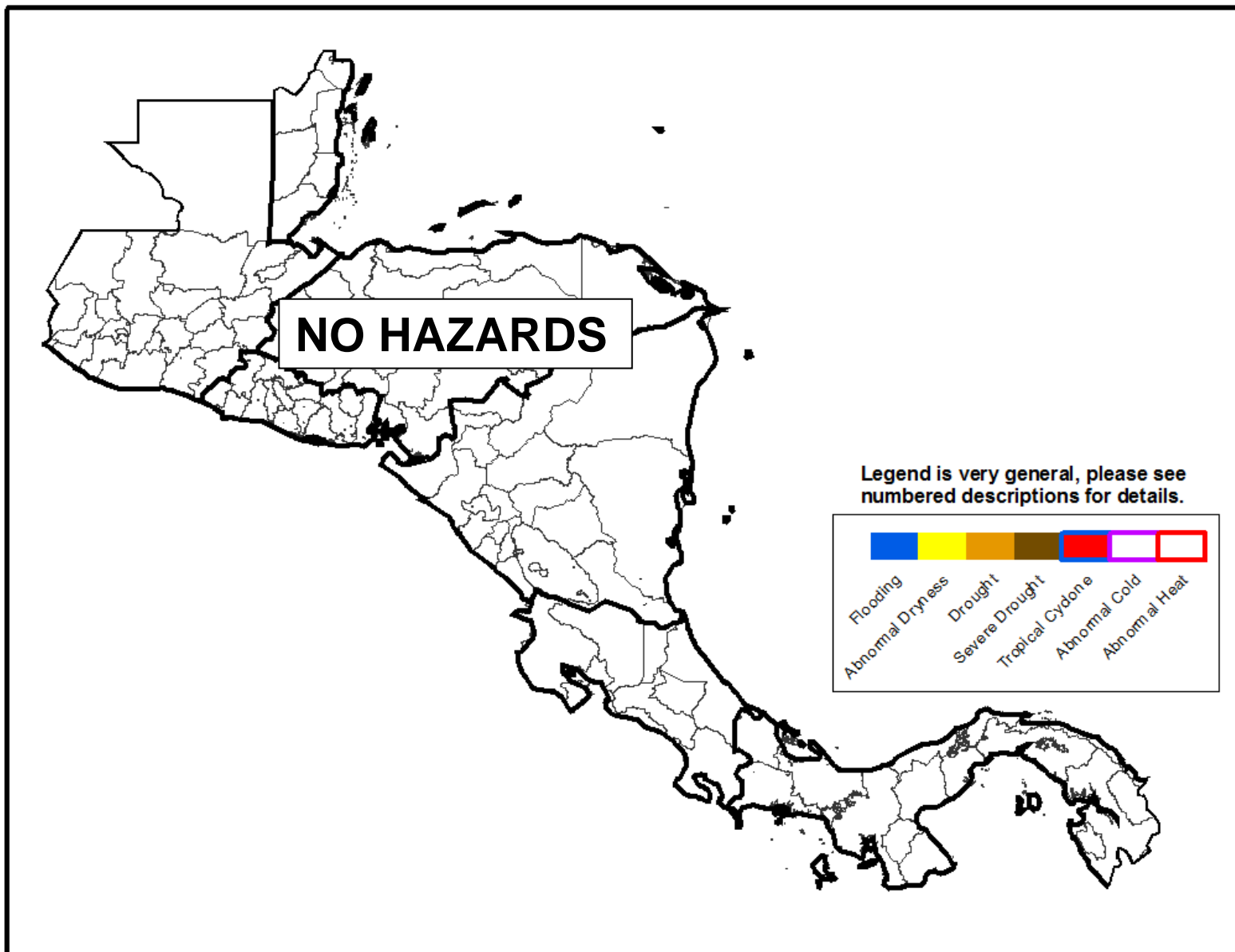




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook September 5 – September 11, 2013

- Heavy rains fell across much of southern Guatemala, Belize and the Gulf of Fonseca region.



## Heavy rains are expected to continue across the Pacific coastline of Central America.

During the last week, heavy rain (>50mm) was observed across southern Guatemala, the Petén department of Guatemala, coastal Belize, and areas along the Gulf of Fonseca. Moderate rains (20-50mm) were observed elsewhere in Costa Rica, Panama, central Honduras, and El Salvador. Locally torrential downpours north of Tegucigalpa in Honduras caused landslides that resulted in the death of 6 people, while heavy rains in northern Guatemala caused flooding which damaged infrastructure and displaced local populations. The moderate rains in Honduras fell across previously dry areas in the Olancho, northern Francisco Morazán and El Paraíso departments. A suppression of rains during July and August negatively impacted the development of crops. However, recent rains have improved ground conditions and Postrera season cropping has begun. Moderate rains (20-30mm) also were observed across central Guatemala providing relief to drier than average conditions.

For the next week, moderate to heavy rains (>25mm) are forecast for the southern/central Guatemala, the Gulf of Fonseca region, Costa Rica and Panama. The heavy rains in southern Guatemala will add to seasonal rainfall surpluses. In contrast, moderate rains (15-35mm) are expected across previously dry areas in eastern Nicaragua, Belize and northern Guatemala. Tropical activity is not expected to impact Central America during the next week.

