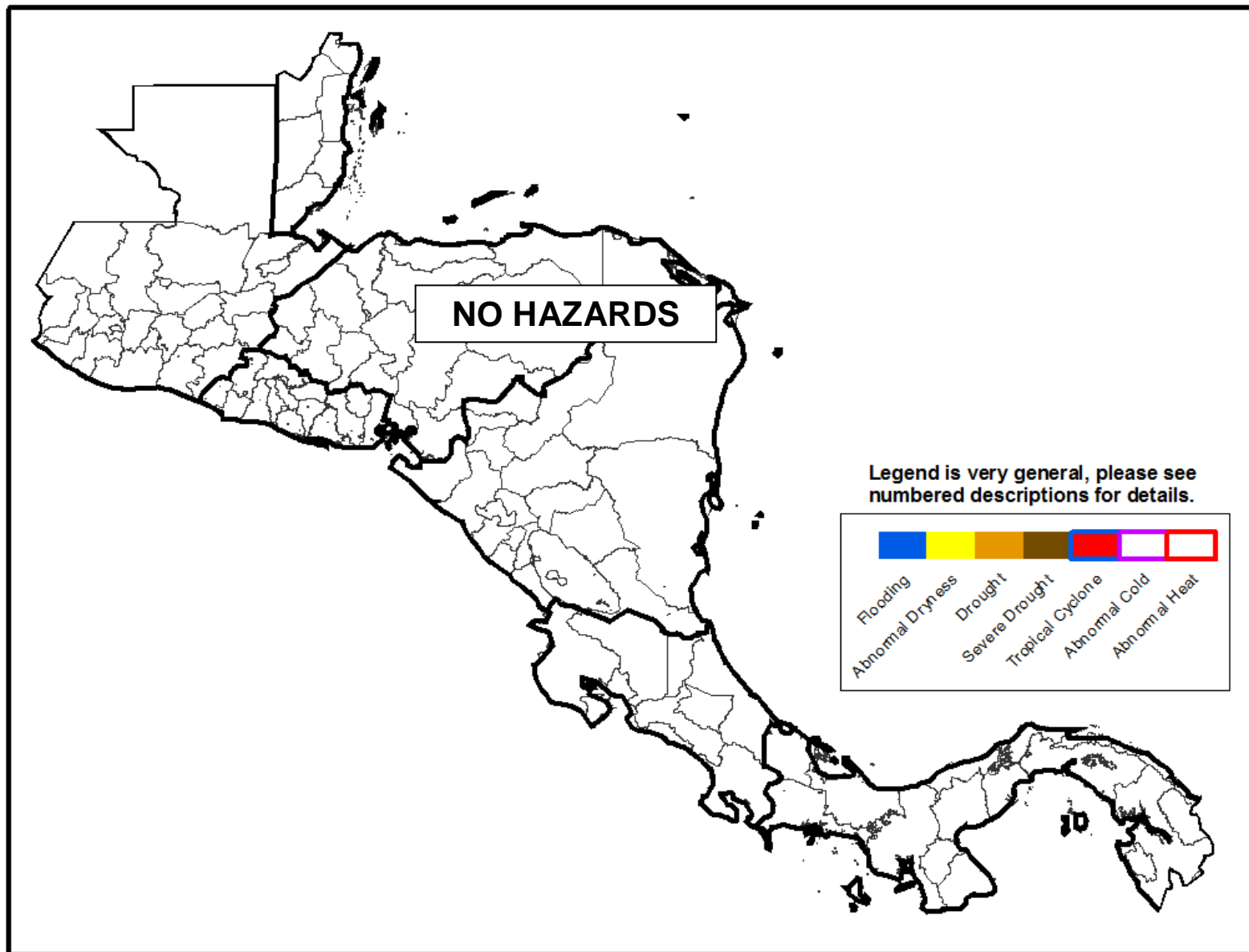




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook October 31 – November 6, 2013

- Above-average rains observed throughout Central America during the past week.



Reduced rains expected over Central America during the next week.

Meteorological conditions during the past week resulted in enhanced and above-average rains across much of Central America. The bulk of the rainfall fell over the Gulf of Honduras extending into northern Guatemala, Pacific region of Guatemala, and Atlantic regions of Honduras and Nicaragua. Elsewhere, the interior of Central America received moderate to heavy rains except west-central Honduras, where light rains were registered. This past week's increased rains have helped to reduce thirty-day rainfall deficits over northern Honduras and turn thirty-day moisture deficits into surpluses over southern Belize. In general, Central America has received average to above-average rainfall since the beginning of the *Postre* season due to consistent rains during the past few months, particularly, September, when a widespread increase in rainfall was observed. Recent vegetation indices also indicated favorable conditions throughout the region. The continuation of seasonal rains is expected to sustain adequate soil moisture for the current cycle.

During the next outlook period, reduced rains are expected over Central America, with little to light rains throughout the interior of Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. This is expected to provide relief to wetness and reduce soil oversaturation over many local areas of Central America. Conversely, moderate to heavy rains are forecast along the Gulf of Fonseca, Gulf of Honduras, the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of northern Central America, and Pacific Basin of the southern Caribbean. No significant tropical cyclone activity is expected.

