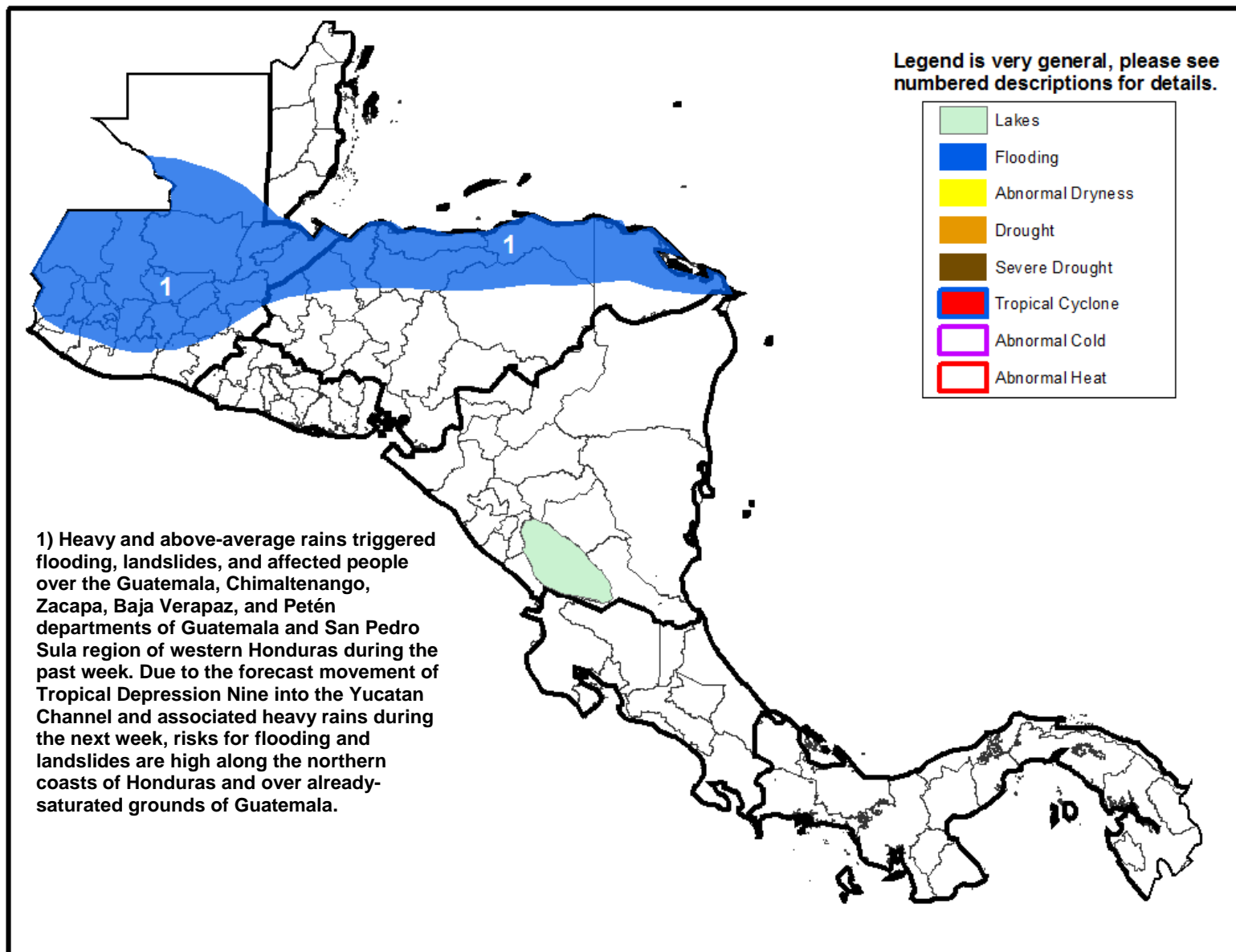




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook October 23 – October 29, 2014

- Heavy downpours caused flooding over many local areas of Central America during the past week.



Rainfall surpluses observed over much of Central America over the past thirty days.

Due to frequent and above-average rains over the past four weeks, rainfall surpluses have been observed across much of Central America. Particularly, positive rainfall anomalies, with surpluses ranging between 200–400 mm have been recorded over the Pacific coasts, Quiché, and Izabal departments of Guatemala and along the Gulf of Fonseca region. Wetter than average conditions continued during the past week as heavy and above-average rains were observed over much of Guatemala, the Gulf of Fonseca, and Costa Rica. The abundant rains caused flooding, infrastructure damages, and affected people over the Guatemala, Chimaltenango, Baja Verapaz, Petén, and Zacapa departments of Guatemala. Heavy rains also resulted in flooding over the San Pedro Sula of western Honduras and overflowing of the Esteli River in north-central Nicaragua. The performance of the August-November, *Postrera* season to date has indicated favorable cumulative rainfall as average to above-average cumulative rainfall has been recorded over much of Central America. However, the excess moisture has already damaged crops over some local areas of the region. Meanwhile, seasonal rainfall deficits have been observed over parts of western Guatemala, eastern Honduras and Nicaragua.

For next week, Tropical Depression Nine to the south of Bay of Campeche is expected to move eastward into the Yucatan Channel during the early outlook period, which could potentially bring torrential rains and flooding along the Gulf of Honduras and northern coasts of Honduras. Meanwhile, on-shore westerly to southwesterly flow is also expected to produce localized heavy showers over western and central Guatemala. As a result, this increases the risks for flooding over saturated grounds of Guatemala. Light to moderate rains are forecast over central Honduras and Nicaragua.

