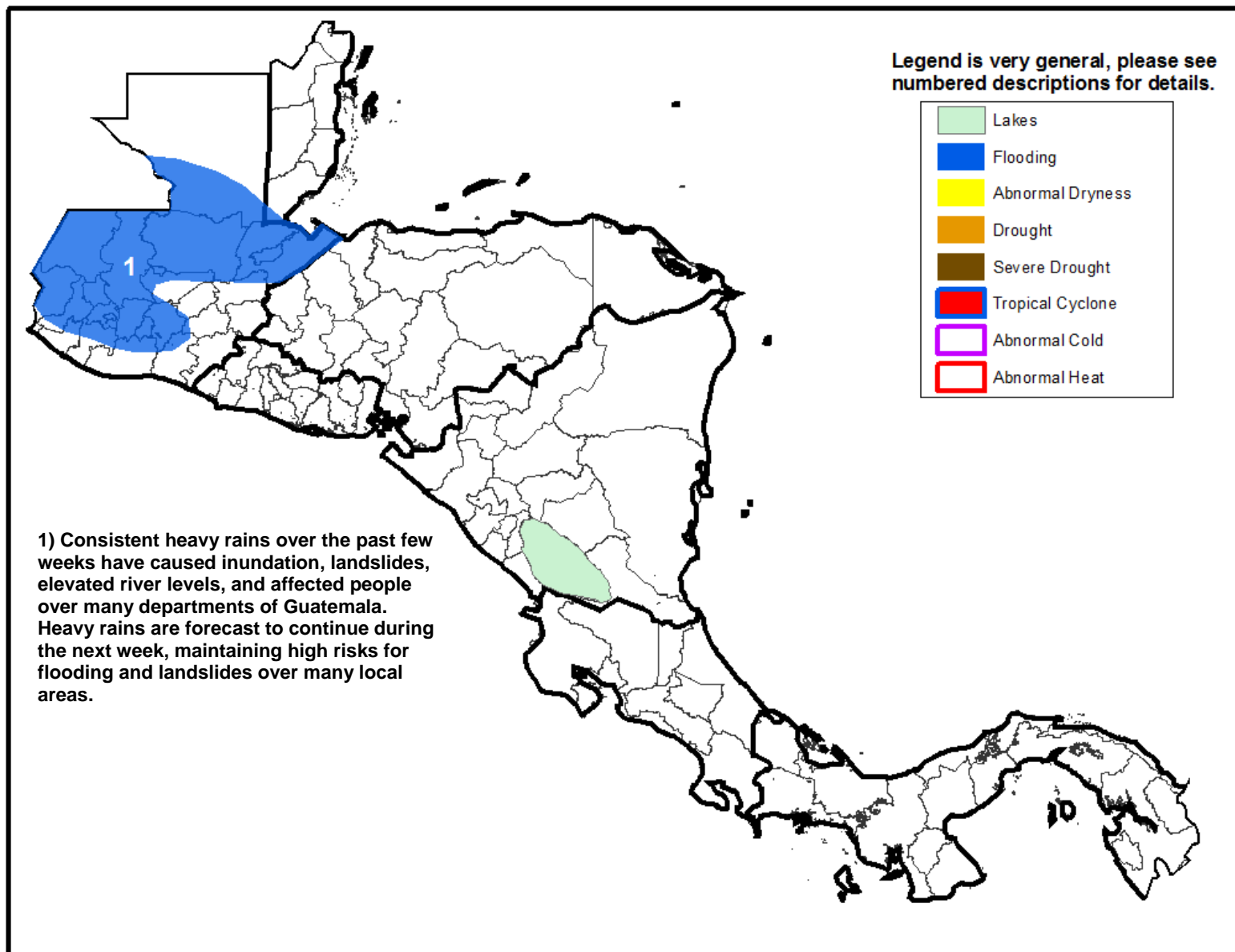




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook October 30 – November 5, 2014

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During the past week, Tropical weather disturbances brought above-average rains over northern Central America. Heavy downpours fell over Guatemala, the Gulf of Honduras, Atlantic coastlines of Honduras, and northeastern Nicaragua. In Guatemala, this past week's abundant rains caused landslides over local areas of the Alta Verapaz, Sacatepéquez, and San Marcos departments. The consistent heavy rains also caused many rivers to rise above their maximum levels. These included the Motagua in the Izabal, Chixocoy and Polochic in the Alta Verapaz, and La Pasión and Usumacinta in the Petén department. In Honduras, La Ceiba and many municipalities in the western and northern parts of the country reported flooding and affected people. Farther south, heavy rains continued over the Southern Caribbean. Since late September, positive rainfall anomalies were observed throughout Central America. Moreover, this past week's above-average rains helped to erode thirty-day rainfall deficits over eastern Honduras and northeastern Nicaragua. Recent vegetation indices have, overall, indicated favorable conditions over Central America. However, excessive wetness has already damaged crops over some local areas.

During the next week, heavy rains are forecast over localized areas of western and northern Guatemala and along the Atlantic coastlines of Central America. The forecast continuation of heavy rains maintains the risks for flooding, landslides, and worsening conditions over many local areas. Abundant rains are also expected to continue over the Southern Caribbean. In contrast, reduced, with light to no rains are expected over the interior of Honduras and Nicaragua.

