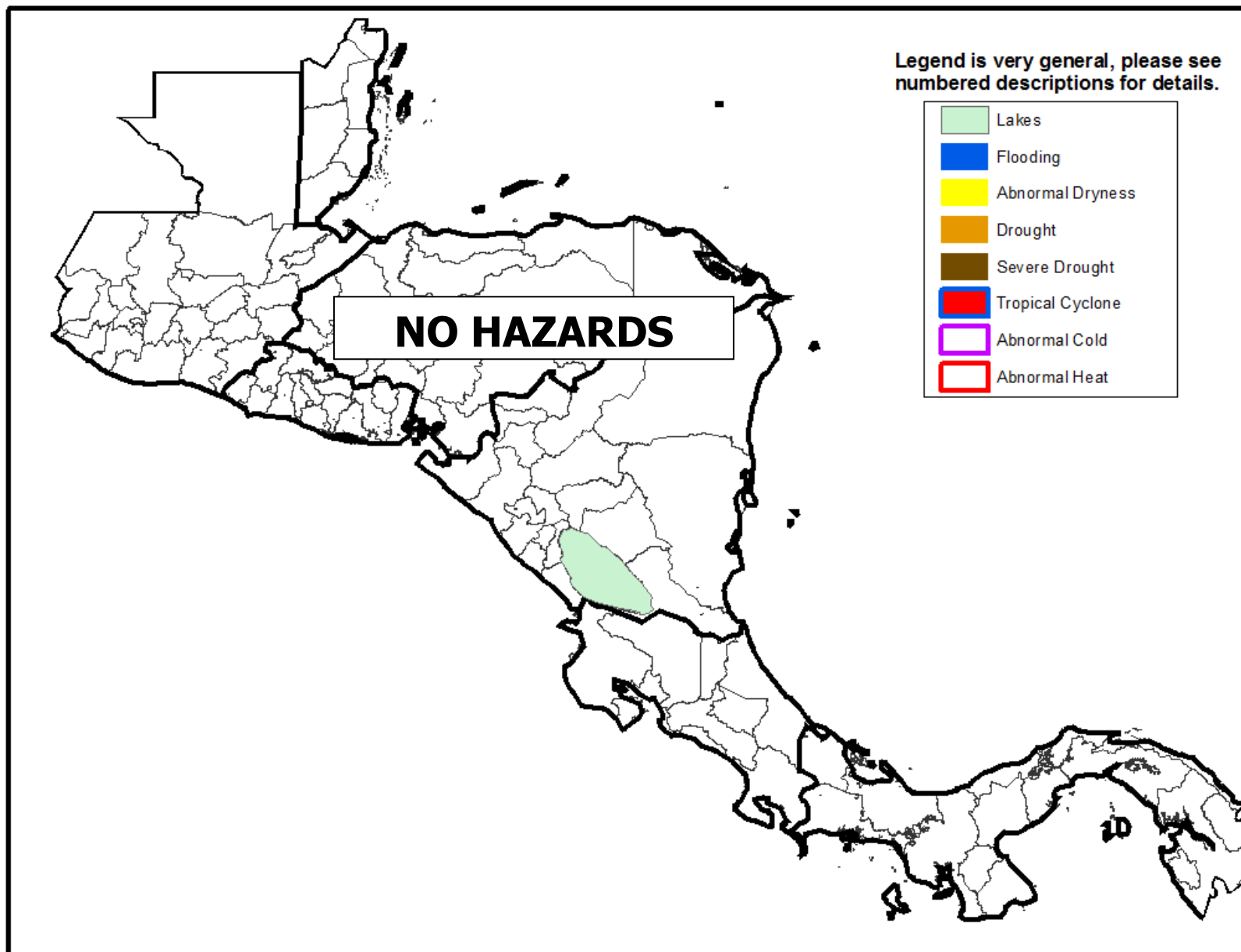




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook April 30 – May 6, 2015

- Heavy rains forecast across northern Central America during the next week.



A relief to dryness expected during the next week.

During the past week, dry weather prevailed across Central America, with suppressed rain throughout the region, except localized areas of the region, where light rains fell. This past week's rainfall distribution was nearly below-average and contributed to sustaining rainfall deficits since late March. Over the past thirty days, eastern Guatemala, the western and southern parts of Honduras, and northwestern Nicaragua have experienced dryness, with negative anomalies ranging between 50-100 mm or cumulative rainfall, accounting for only less than 50 percent of the average. Furthermore, the *Apante*, December-April, winter rainy season has not performed adequately over Central America since a wide portion of northern Central America, including Guatemala, Honduras, and northern Nicaragua, has received only 25-80 percent of the average. The poor rainfall distribution over the past several weeks has already negatively impacted many local areas across the *Dry Corridor* of Central America.

During the next week, an enhancement in rainfall is forecast over Central America, with heavy and above-average rains throughout southern Guatemala, El Salvador, the Gulf of Honduras, Honduras, and northwestern Nicaragua. The forecast increased rains should help erode accumulated moisture deficits, replenish soil moisture, and aid cropping activities over many local areas. Over the Southern Caribbean, heavy rains are also expected, particularly, along the Pacific Basin of the sub-region.

