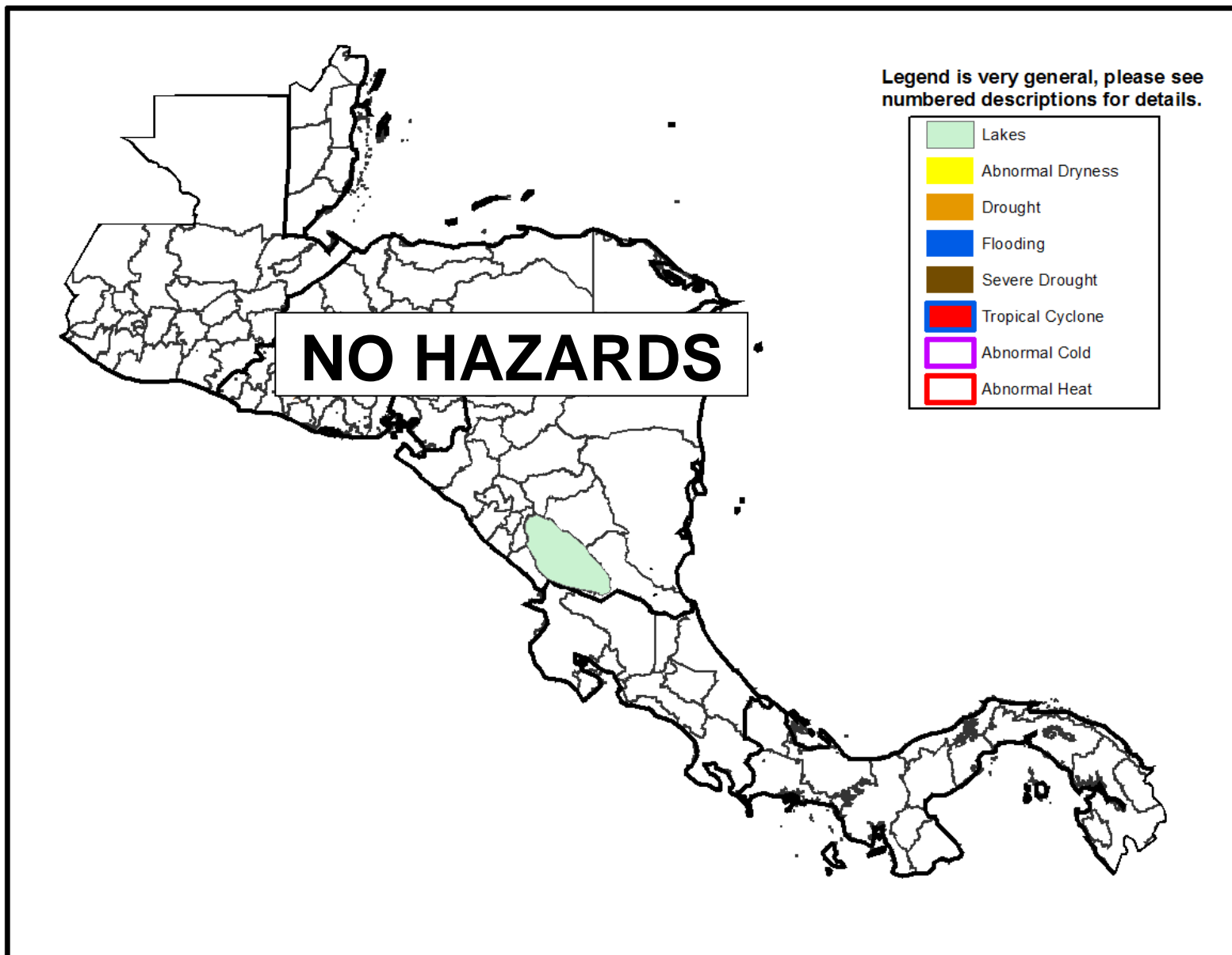




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook January 07 – January 13, 2016

- Seasonably calm conditions prevailed over the past week



Near or slightly below-average rainfall totals were observed during the last week

During the past week, slightly drier-than-normal conditions were experienced across the region, despite the already low rainfall climatology during this time of year. Many areas did not observe any rainfall during the past week, resulting in negative anomalies. The areas that did receive some rainfall include some local regions of Honduras, the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua, and the Lake Nicaragua region. Over the previous 30-day period dating to December 5th, most regions have observed near-to-normal amounts of rain. Some surpluses can be found in north-central Guatemala, far northern Honduras, and neighboring parts of Honduras. Conversely, some deficits can be seen across other parts of Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Panama. As a result of recent near-normal rainfall and some surpluses over the recent 90-day period, vegetation indices have responded with strong values, especially in pacific facing portions of the region. Only a few of the drier parts of the region exhibit more middling values.

For the upcoming outlook period, near average conditions are expected once again. The greatest possibility for any locally heavy rainfall resides in parts of central and northern Guatemala and Costa Rica. Moderate rain is likely for eastern portions of Nicaragua and northern portions of Honduras, but totals may be suppressed a bit below climatology. Elsewhere very light rains can be expected. The highest elevations of southern Guatemala may experience low temperatures approaching near to 0°C.

