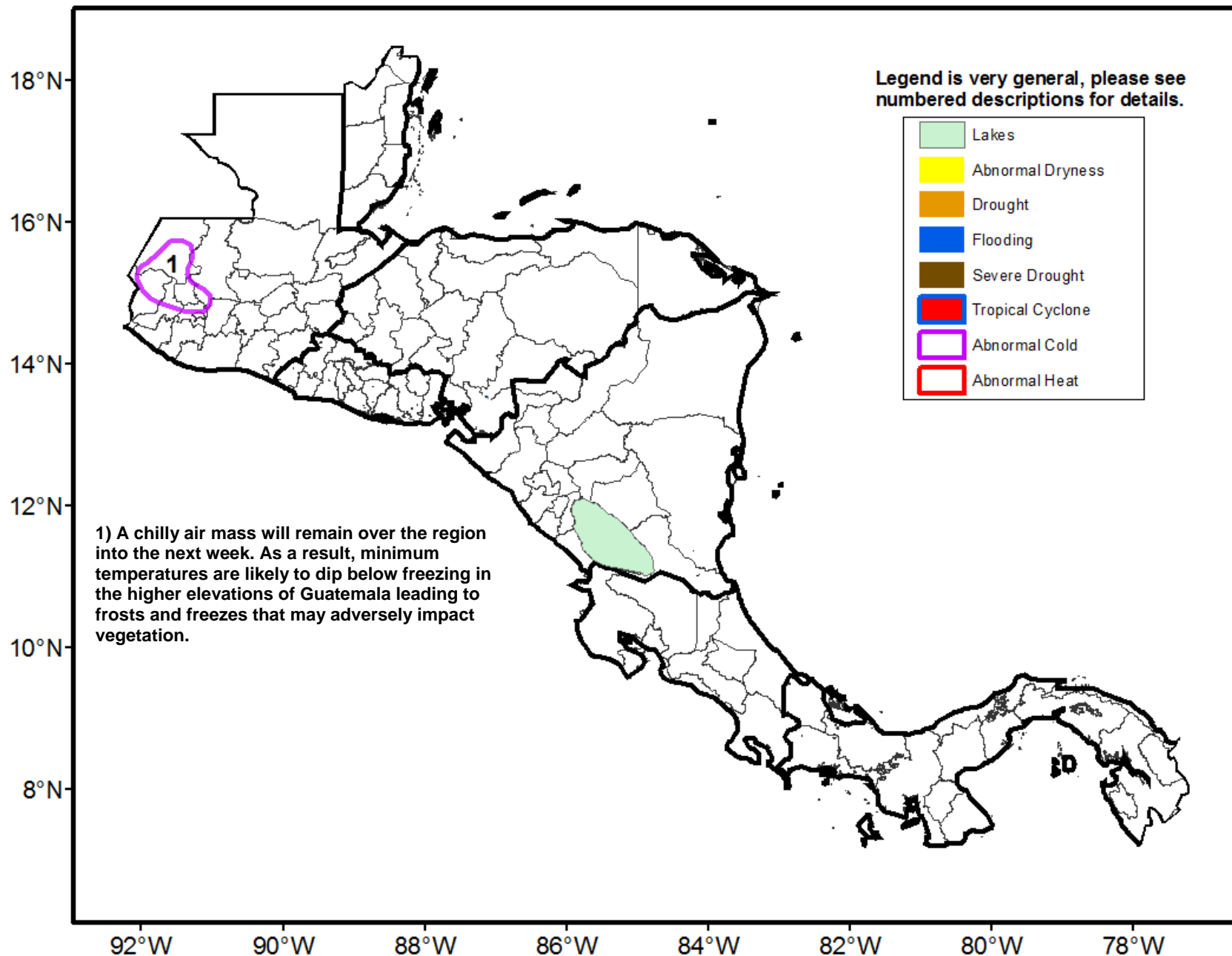




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook February 02 – 08, 2017

- Frosts and freezes likely to persist for the higher elevations of Guatemala



Quiet period continues with scattered rain showers, mainly along the Caribbean coasts

Most of Central America remained dry during the last 7 days. Satellites observed a few light showers over eastern Nicaragua, northern Honduras and Guatemala. Observed amounts were generally light (>25mm). Such a pattern was, perhaps, drier than normal, even during this calm time of the year. Over the course of the past 30 days, a small area with positive anomalies in excess of 100mm still persists over eastern Nicaragua. Anomalies are mostly insignificant everywhere else. These anomalies are trending towards zero after several weeks of very seasonable patterns. Vegetation indices currently show positive vegetative conditions for most everyone. The few scattered, localized areas of poorer values are not cause for concern.

Looking ahead to the next outlook period, precipitation models suggest that above-average rains are possible, though forecast confidence is low. Any moderate rains are most likely along the Caribbean coasts, especially eastern Nicaragua and northern Honduras, with lighter rains pushing farther inland. For many, persistence of last week's pattern is most favored. Like last week, minimum temperatures will remain cooler than normal for northern Central America. Minimum temperatures could dip just below the freezing mark in the higher elevations of southwestern Guatemala. Freezes may adversely affect vegetation.

