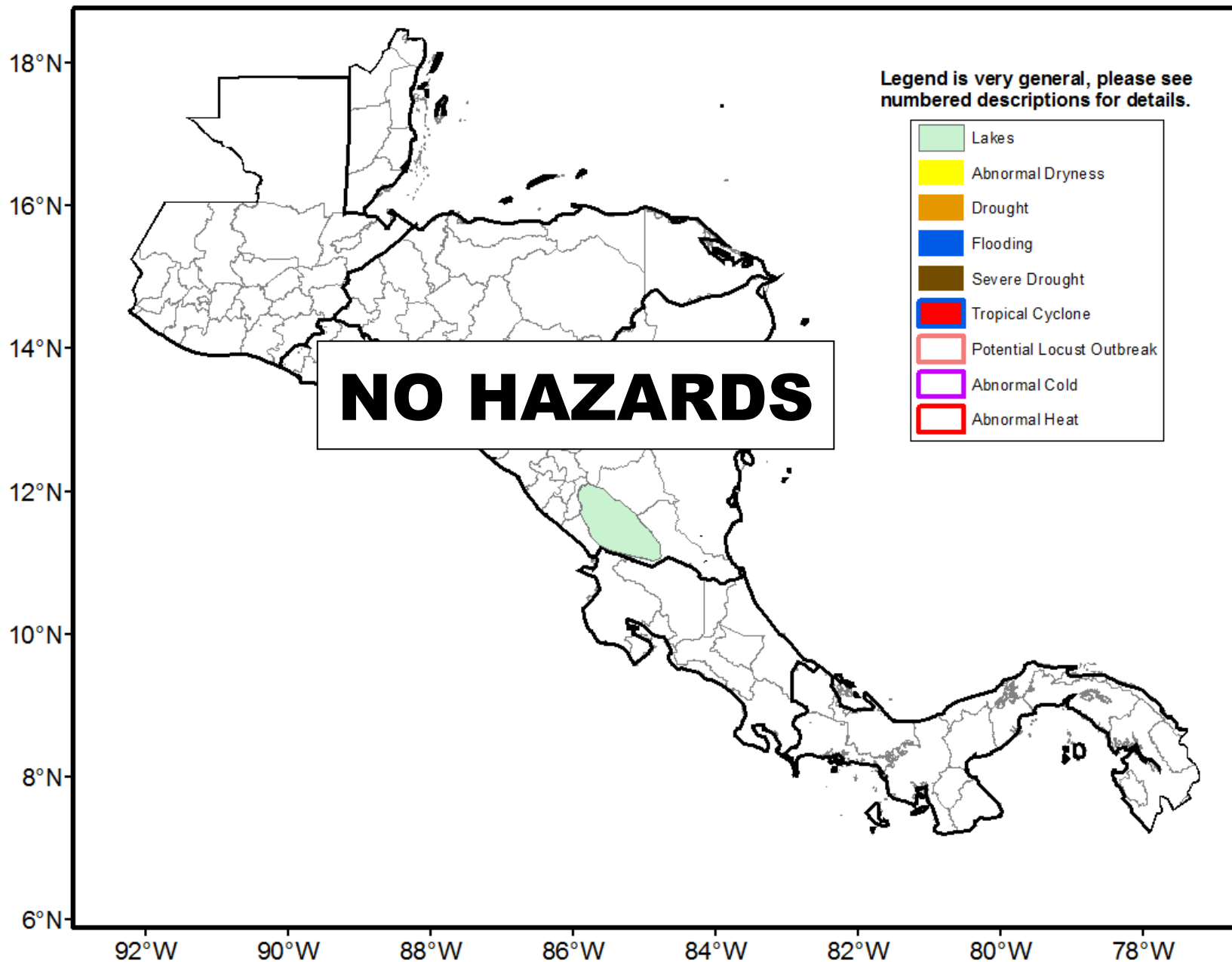




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook September 7 – September 13, 2017

Seasonable rains expected during early September.



## Enhanced rains received over Gulf of Fonseca region during the last week

During the last week, increased amounts of seasonal rainfall were received throughout many regions in Central America compared to the previous week. According to satellite rainfall estimates, moderate to locally heavy rainfall amounts (>75mm) were registered across the northern and southeastern departments of Guatemala, with widespread heavier accumulations throughout southwestern Honduras and into the Gulf of Fonseca region. Further south, average to slightly above-average rainfall was received across Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama.

An analysis of the percent of average rain for the accumulated rain over the past 90 days largely shows adequate (80-120 percent of average) performance throughout Central America, except for east-central Guatemala. Here, seasonal rainfall still accounts for only between 50-80 percent of the climatological average. However, recent indices from crop performance models also indicate mostly favorable conditions throughout the region.

For next week, increased shower activity is forecast for southern Guatemala as well as western Honduras. Heavy rain is also expected along the Pacific coastline of Costa Rica and Panama. However, light to locally moderate rain is forecast along the Atlantic coastline of Nicaragua and Honduras, with lighter amounts expected for many interior departments.

