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Haiti Weather Hazards Assessment

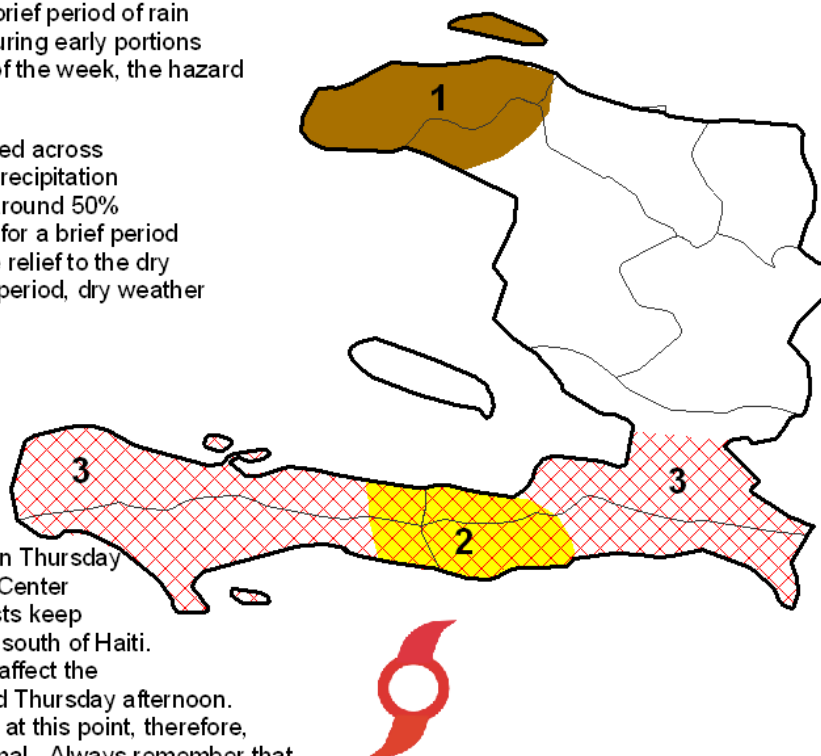
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1) Long term, multi-year drought continues across Haiti's Northwest Department. A brief period of rain associated with Ivan is possible during early portions of the period. For the remainder of the week, the hazard area will remain mostly dry.

2) Short term dryness has appeared across the southern peninsula of Haiti. Precipitation totals for the second season are around 50% of normal. Heavy rain is possible for a brief period on Thursday, which will bring some relief to the dry areas. For the rest of the hazard period, dry weather persists.

3) Hurricane Ivan will be nearing the southern coast of Hispaniola on Thursday morning. The National Hurricane Center and most numerical model forecasts keep the center of circulation just to the south of Haiti. Strong wind and heavy rain could affect the highlighted region for a brief period Thursday afternoon. The storm is moving rather rapidly at this point, therefore, sustained impacts should be minimal. Always remember that this is a dangerous storm and tropical weather is often unpredictable, so continue to monitor the NOAA National Hurricane Center.



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