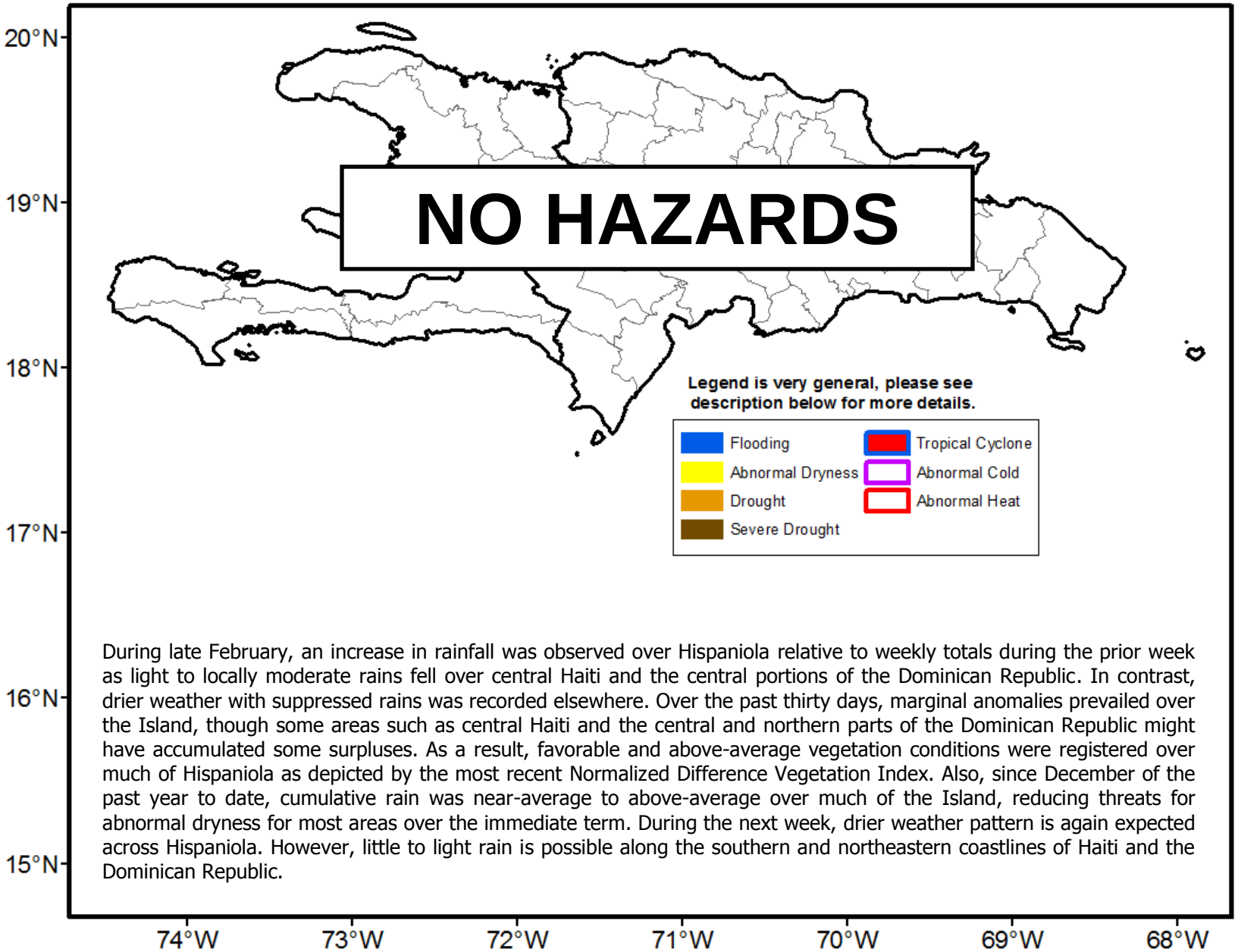
Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
March 1 – 7, 2018

- **The continuation of seasonable rainfall over the recent weeks has benefited ground conditions over Hispaniola.**



During late February, an increase in rainfall was observed over Hispaniola relative to weekly totals during the prior week as light to locally moderate rains fell over central Haiti and the central portions of the Dominican Republic. In contrast, drier weather with suppressed rains was recorded elsewhere. Over the past thirty days, marginal anomalies prevailed over the Island, though some areas such as central Haiti and the central and northern parts of the Dominican Republic might have accumulated some surpluses. As a result, favorable and above-average vegetation conditions were registered over much of Hispaniola as depicted by the most recent Normalized Difference Vegetation Index. Also, since December of the past year to date, cumulative rain was near-average to above-average over much of the Island, reducing threats for abnormal dryness for most areas over the immediate term. During the next week, drier weather pattern is again expected across Hispaniola. However, little to light rain is possible along the southern and northeastern coastlines of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

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