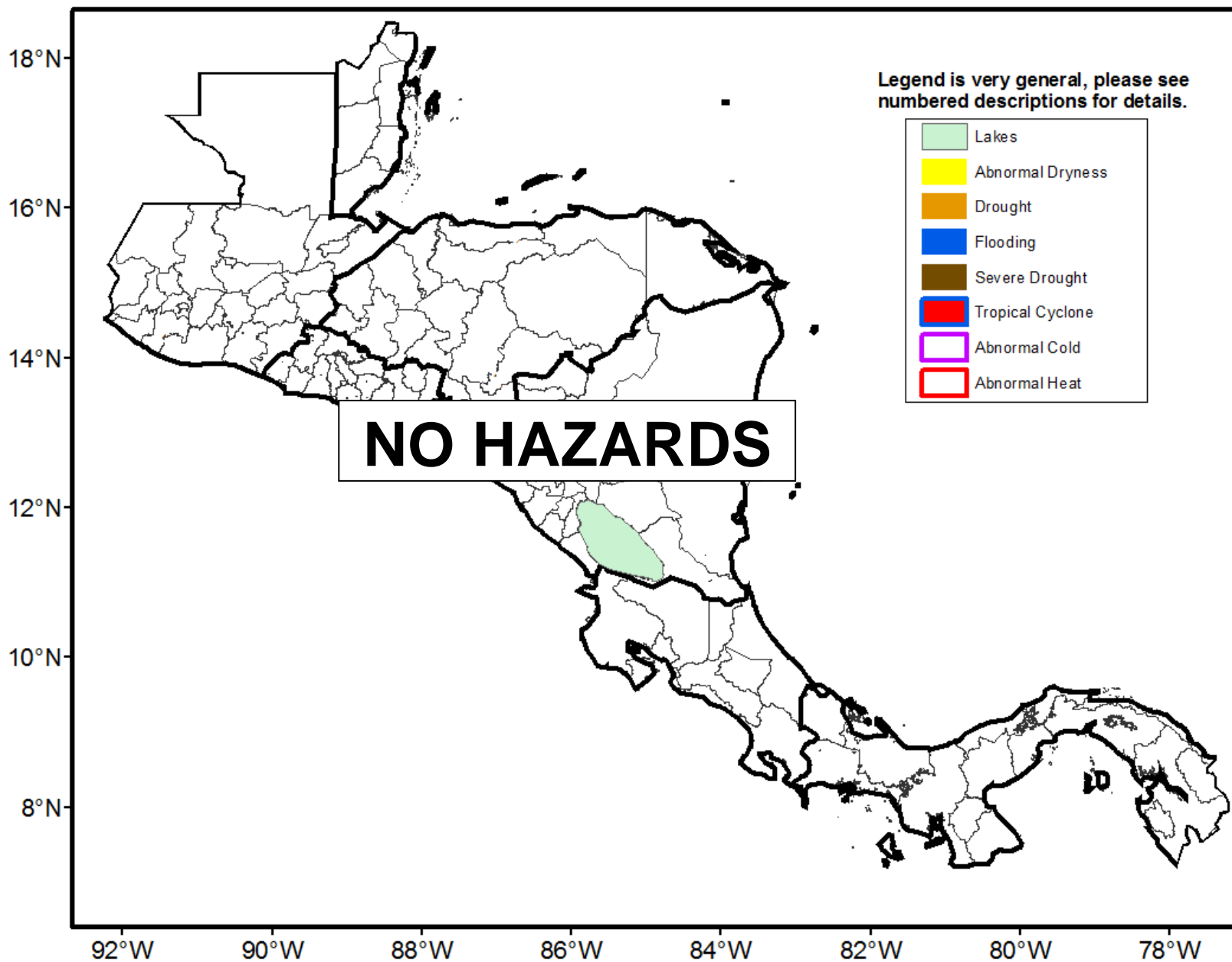




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook September 15 – 21, 2016

- Suppressed rains received over Guatemala during the last week.



## Heavy rainfall forecast throughout many coastal departments along the Pacific.

During early September, increased rainfall accumulations were received throughout many coastal departments along the Pacific and Atlantic basins, with reduced rainfall totals observed for many interior departments, and throughout much of Guatemala. Over the past 30 days, there are several areas within Central America that have experienced both positive and negative precipitation trends and anomalies. Following a period of poor rainfall throughout parts of El Salvador and Nicaragua, increased rains during the last week has helped to alleviate dryness and moisture deficits. Conversely, strengthening moisture deficits have been observed throughout Guatemala. Although satellite rainfall estimates have depicted low and unseasonably erratic rains throughout central and western Nicaragua, ground reports indicate no negative impacts on cropping activities in Nicaragua.

During the next week, enhanced seasonal precipitation is expected across much of the Pacific Basin of Central America, with weekly accumulations possibly exceeding twice the normal climatological amount for mid-September over many parts of Guatemala, El Salvador, and western Honduras. Across the Atlantic basin, average to below-average rainfall is expected. No tropical cyclone activity is expected to impact Central America for the next seven days.

