Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook

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Outline

1. Review of Recent Conditions
2. Synopsis of Climate Modes
3. GTH Outlook and Forecast Discussion
4. Connections to U.S. Impacts
Outlook Review

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TC Josie
3/31-present

Cool shading
More clouds/rain

Warm shading
Less clouds/rain
Synopsis of Climate Modes

**ENSO:**
- A transition from La Nina to ENSO-neutral is most likely (~55% chance) during the March-May season, with neutral conditions likely to continue into the second half of the year (ENSO Diagnostic Discussion, April 2, 2018)

**MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:**
- The active region of the renewed MJO signal moved over the Maritime Continent during the past week.

- Some tropical cyclone activity is expected to continue during Week-1 as the convective envelope moves further into the West Pacific. Suppressed convection is expected to move over the Maritime Continent.

- There is disagreement in the dynamical models on how quickly the MJO signal is expected to decay; the signal is expected to continue eastward through Week-1, with some decay into Week-2.

**Extratropics:**
- The extended range temperature forecast for the U.S. is not heavily impacted by the MJO.
Global Tropics Hazards and Benefits Outlook - Climate Prediction Center

Week 1 - Valid: Apr 04, 2018 - Apr 10, 2018

Week 2 - Valid: Apr 11, 2018 - Apr 17, 2018

**Confidence**
- High
- Moderate

**Tropical Cyclone Formation**
Development of a tropical cyclone (tropical depression - TD, or greater strength).

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**Above-normal temperatures**
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Enhanced convection over the Maritime Continent can be attributed to MJO, Kelvin, and equatorial Rossby waves.

Broad scale convection propagates eastward with the strengthened MJO signal.

Wave-1 pattern becomes stronger with re-newed MJO. Suppressed convection moves over the Maritime Continent.
Dynamical guidance forecasts the MJO to continue during the Week-1 forecast period, with differing degrees of decay into Week-2.
Average Conditions when the MJO is present

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Week-1: Phases 8-1
Week-2: Phases 1-2

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The area of tropical cyclone activity around the Maritime Continent occurs at the intersection of an active MJO, Rossby wave, and Kelvin wave.
Connections to U.S. Impacts
Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation

Extended range forecast mostly impacted by mid-latitude activities in the next two weeks.
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