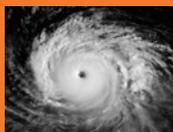


## Disasters this Week – July 13, 2012

Headlines of Major Natural Events in the Americas this Week



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### **Recent Natural Events**

#### **Emilia strengthens to Category 4 hurricane in Pacific**

Hurricane Emilia raged into to a Category 4 storm Tuesday, hurling 140 mph winds as it spun across the Pacific Ocean. [Read](#)

#### **Rescue effort suspended in Canadian landslide where 4 people are missing**

Canadian authorities temporarily suspended Friday their rescue effort for persons believed missing in a landslide in a remote mountainous area of British Columbia because the disaster site is too unstable, an emergency official said. [Read](#)

#### **Dry storms and heat torment the western United States**

It's hotter than usual in those Northwestern regions, but temperatures pale in comparison to those in the desert regions of Arizona and California, which face excessive heat warnings Wednesday for the second day in a row. [Read](#)

#### **Cold snap blasts through South America**

Santiago, Chile's capital, fell to 28 degrees Fahrenheit (-2 Celsius) late Friday night and Saturday night at the peak of the cold snap. [Read](#)

### **Other Disasters Related News**

#### **Colombia - At least 300 municipalities to improve disaster risk management**

The World Bank Board of Directors approved a US\$250 million development policy loan to support natural disaster-related risk management in Colombia. [Read](#)

#### **Climate Conversations - Indigenous knowledge 'invaluable' for Andean adaptation**

Indigenous peoples have extensive knowledge of their local environments, gained through hundreds of years of observation and trial and error. They possess a large repository of strategies, skills, and techniques for dealing with climate variability. [Read](#)

#### **GRAINS-Markets climb as US Midwest drought-worries mount**

Very warm temperatures accompanied by only light "teaser" rains over the next week may slow deterioration of corn and soybean crops, but there will not be enough rain to end the drought, an agricultural meteorologist said today. [Read](#)

#### **Drought threatens to darken Obama reelection prospects**

With nearly two-thirds of the US enduring drought conditions, food prices are expected to jump ahead of the November election. That could add to voter anxieties about the economy. [Read](#)

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