

Key takeaways from the 2016 map:

- Beetle distribution continues to ebb and flow across North America
- NM: The beetles expanded along the Middle Rio Grande, bringing southern and northern populations together as they moved through Elephant Buttes Reservoir and into Bosque del Apache NWR
- The beetles now occupy all of the Middle Rio Grande and caused massive late-season defoliation in major Southwestern Willow Flycatcher territories. Beetles are also moving west from the Rio Grande towards the Gila River watershed near Silver City, NM as well as along the I-10 corridor to Lordsburg, NM
- AZ: The beetles also made a large push southward down the Lower Colorado River from Davis Dam, through the Lake Havasu area, as far south as Parker, AZ and into the Bill Williams River.
- UT: In Grand County Utah, near Moab, the beetles were in the largest numbers since 2013 and suggest the typical predator-prey cycle is a likely future pattern for beetle populations
- TX, OK, KS: Populations in west Texas, the Pecos River drainage in New Mexico, and Arkansas River in Colorado continued to have relatively low numbers of beetles present, while populations across plains in north Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas seem to have virtually disappeared. Populations along the Rio Grande and Big Bend area of Texas rebounded this year with large numbers and heavy defoliation

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