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# *Forest & Woodland Health Update*



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# Forest and Woodland Health in 2015

- ◆ Overall increased precipitation and high humidity had wide ranging impacts.
- ◆ 2015 saw an increase in defoliating insect activity in several areas in the state.
- ◆ Bark beetle activity was at an all-time low.

# Sycamore Anthracnose fungi was identified in several areas in June



Sunflower, Arizona



Lower Oak Creek Canyon

# Pinyon Pine Needle cast fungi defoliation was identified in several areas in July



Nutrioso, Arizona

# Extensive hail storm damage over a large area in early July



Parks, Arizona

# Widespread expansion of non-native and invasive plants-July



**Greer, Arizona**



**Scotch Thistle**



**Musk (Nodding) Thistle**



**Flagstaff, Arizona**

# Widespread Gambel oak leaf discoloration- September



**Strawberry, Arizona**

**Prescott, Arizona**

# Aspen and Willow Rust Foliage Disease- September



Flagstaff, Arizona



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# Questions?

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