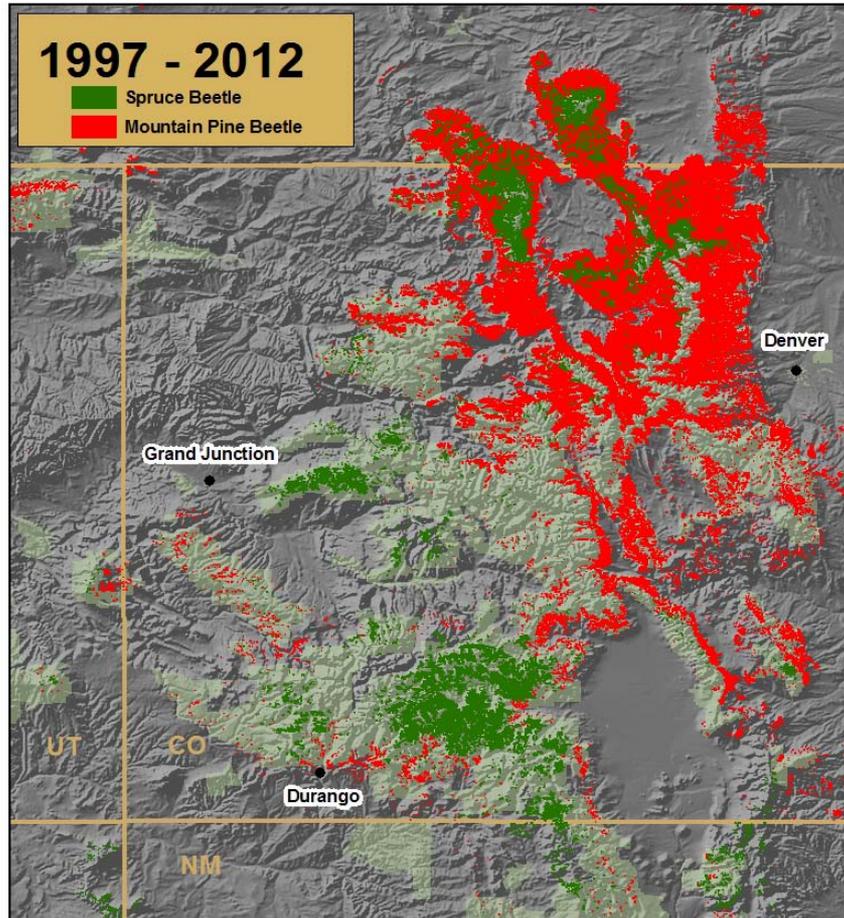


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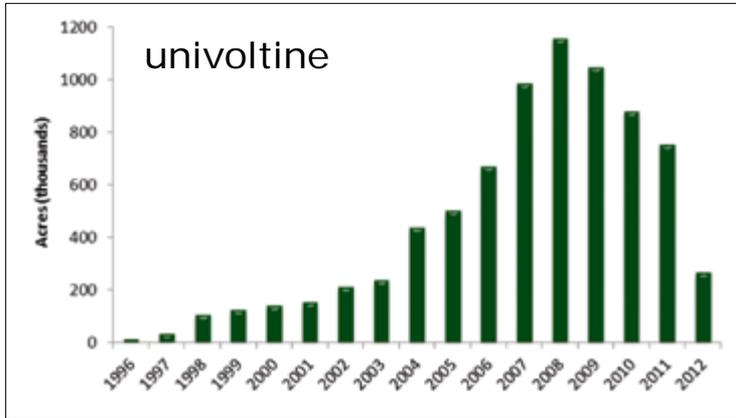


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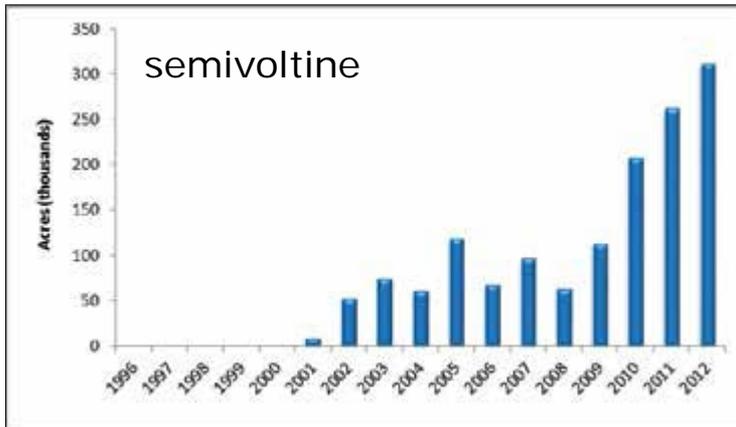


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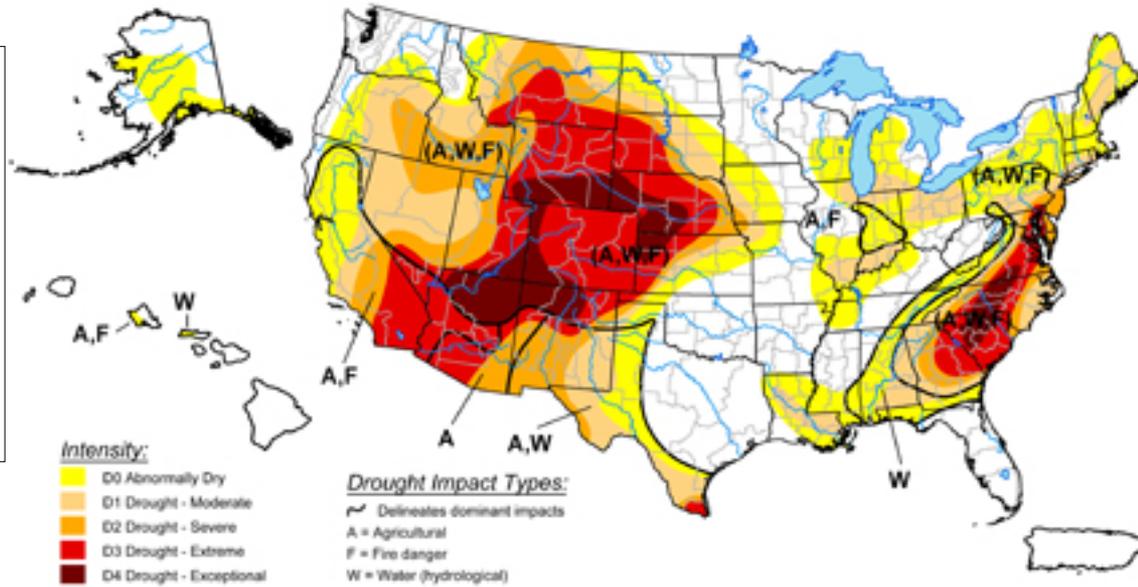
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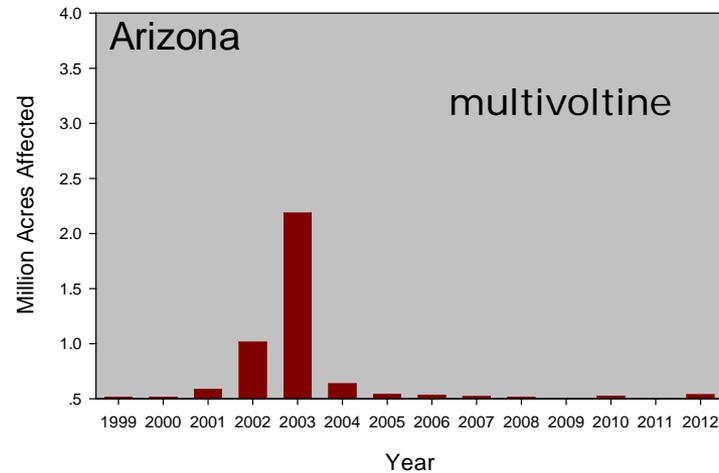


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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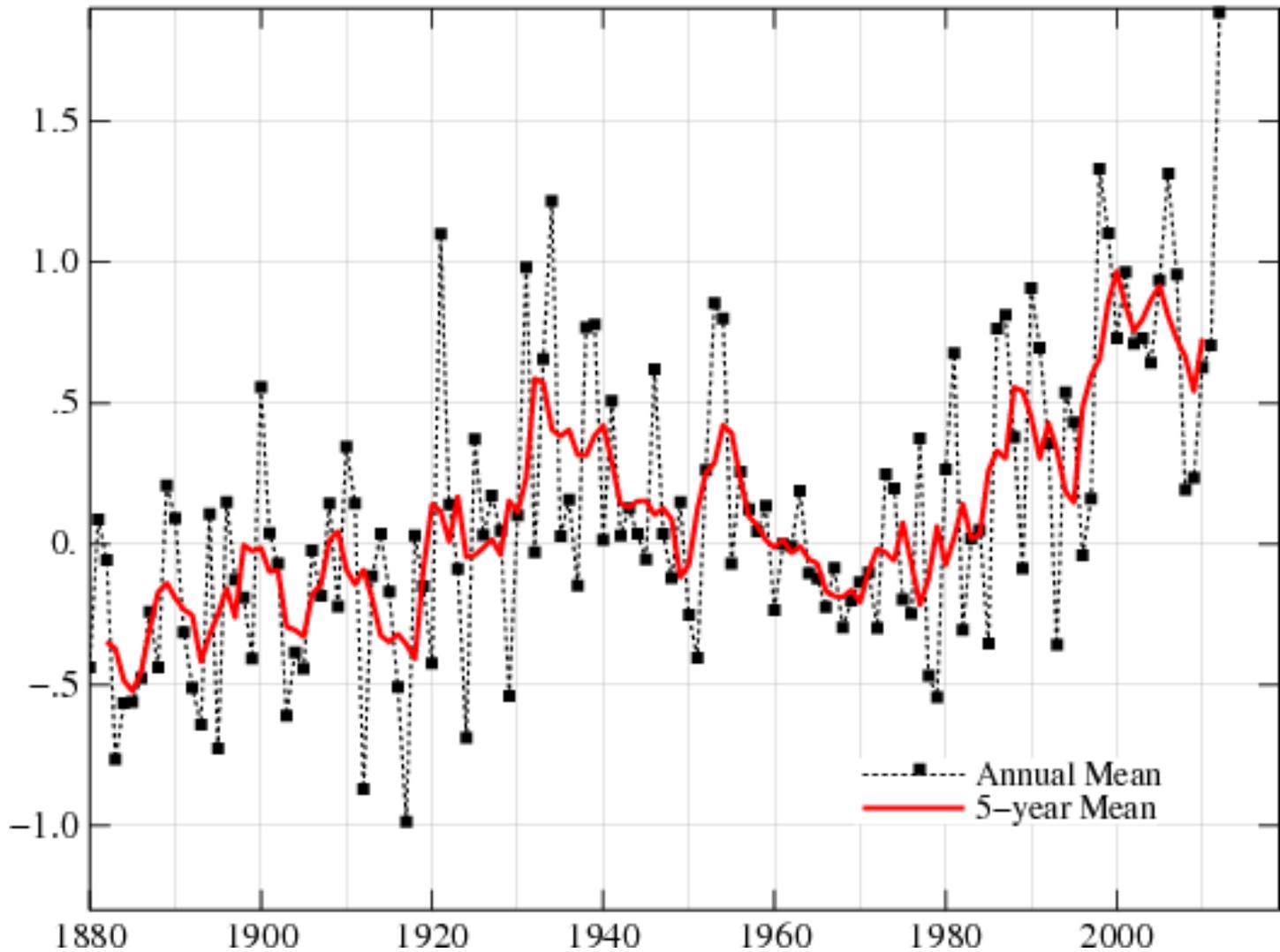
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# U.S. Temperature

Continental US annual mean anomalies (°C) vs 1951–1980



# Mechanistic Models

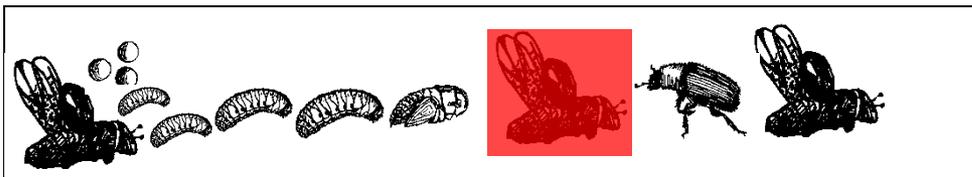
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Proportion univoltine brood =

$f$  (# hours  $> 17^{\circ}\text{C}$  accumulated after Peak Flight Biofix)

Summer temperatures

Univoltine

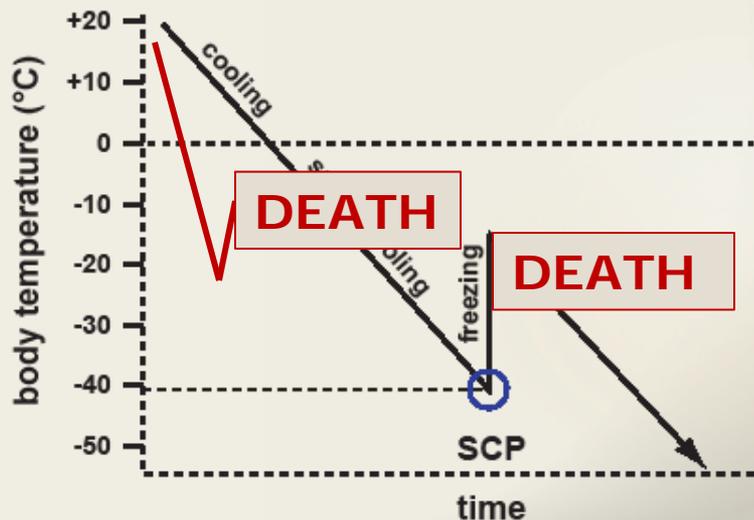


NO-larval diapause

YES-adult diapause

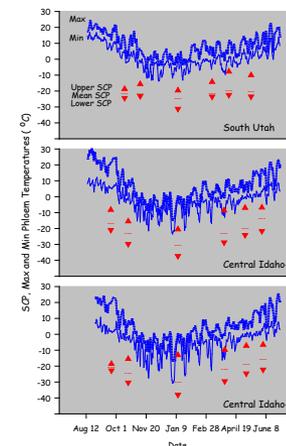


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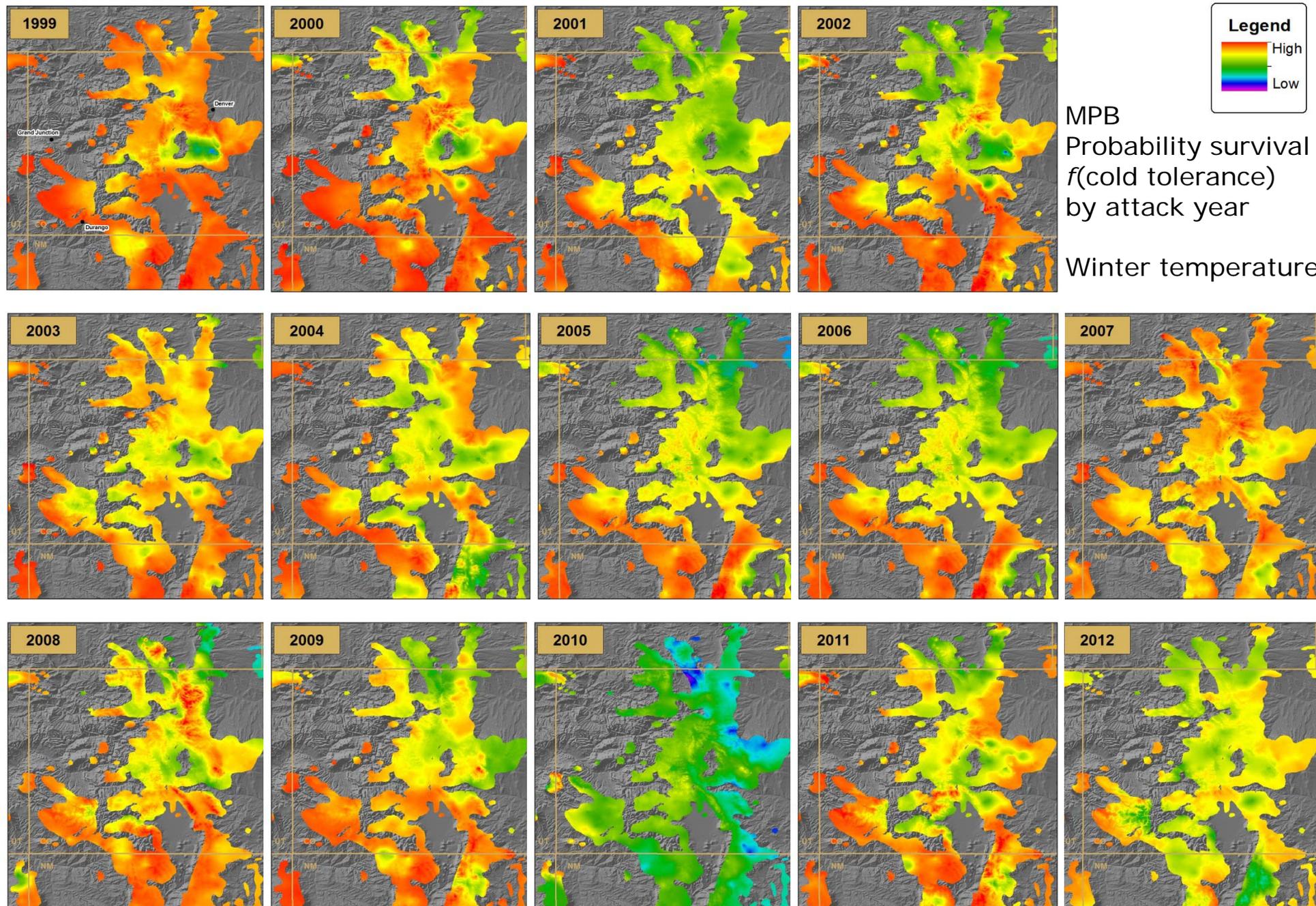


Mountain pine beetle mortality due to cold temperatures.

Winter temperatures

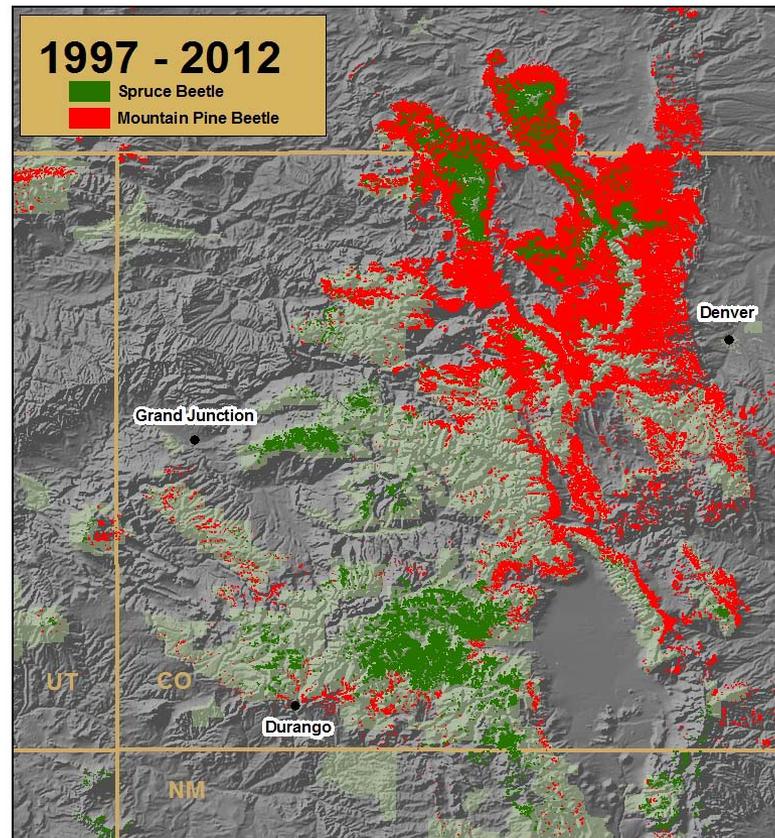
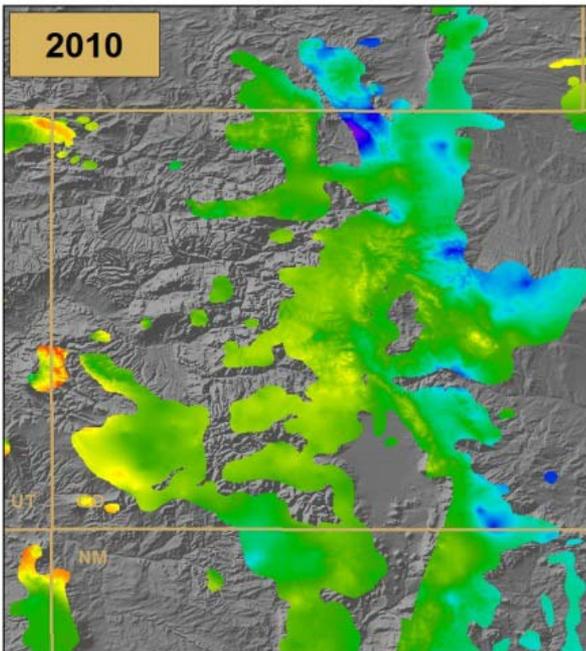
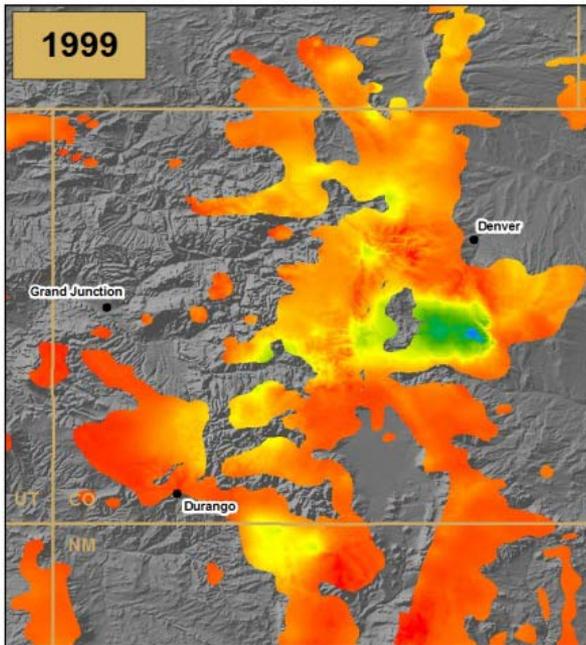


Bentz and Mullins 1999, Regniere and Bentz 2007

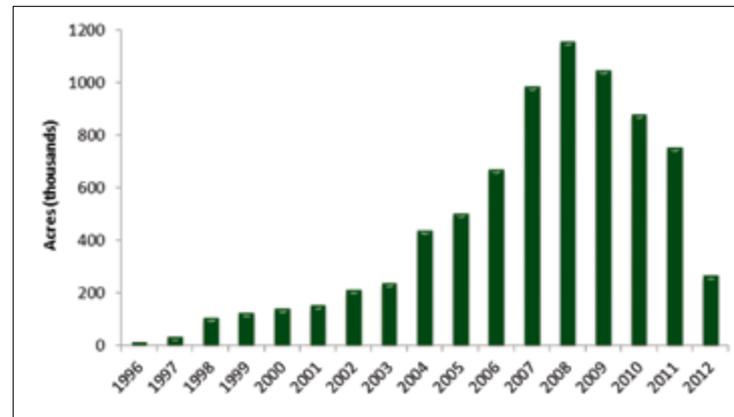


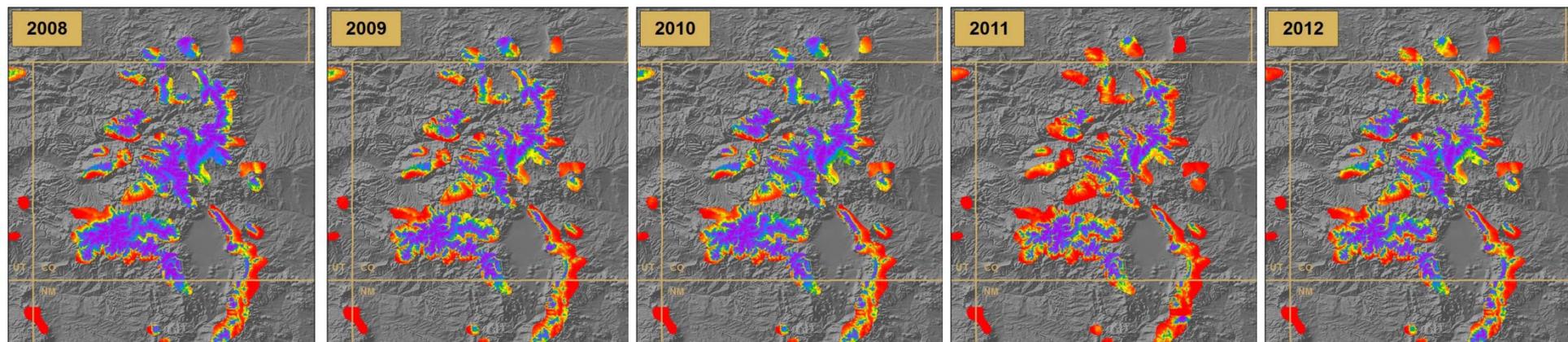
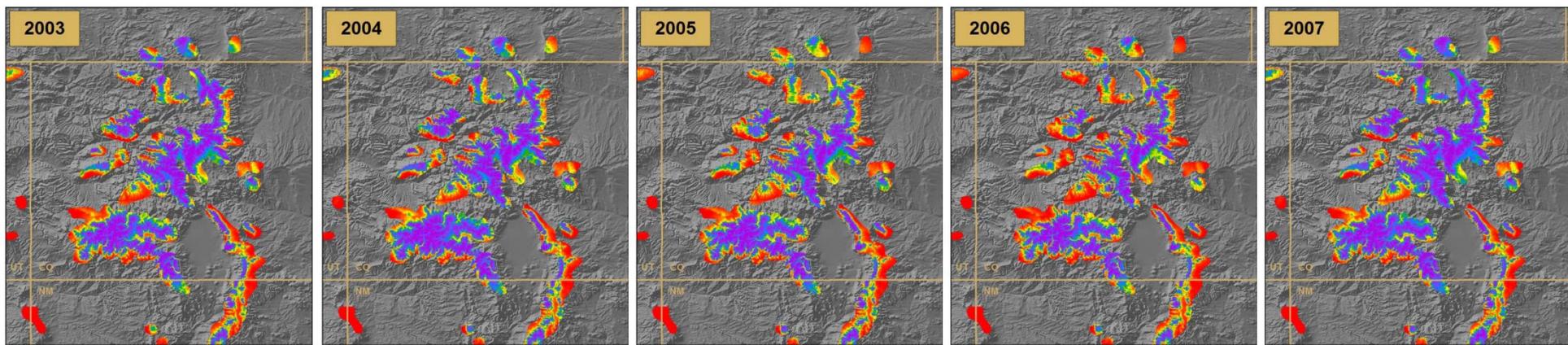
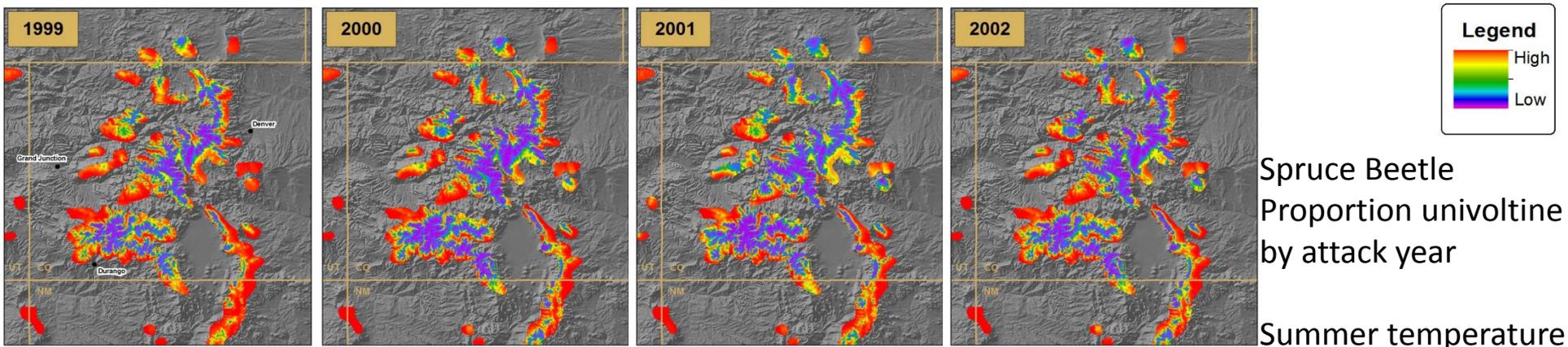
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# Mountain pine beetle



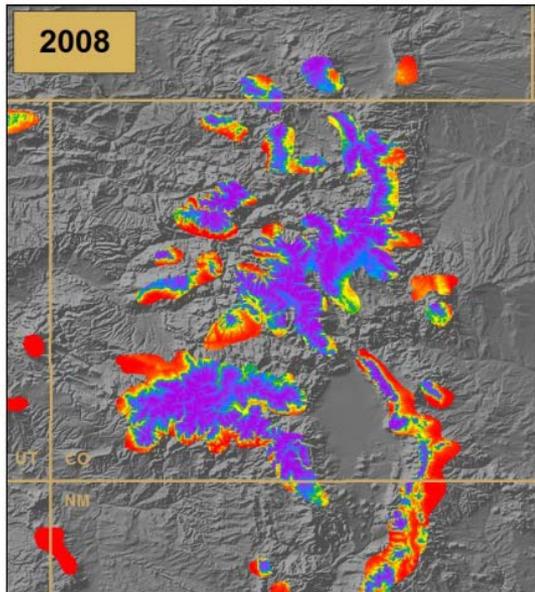
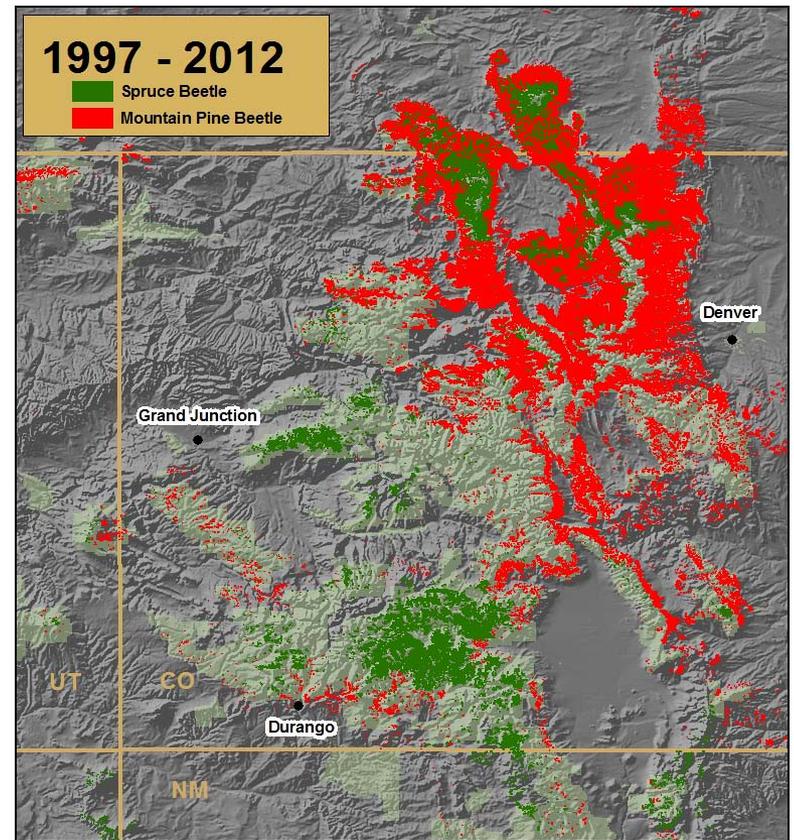
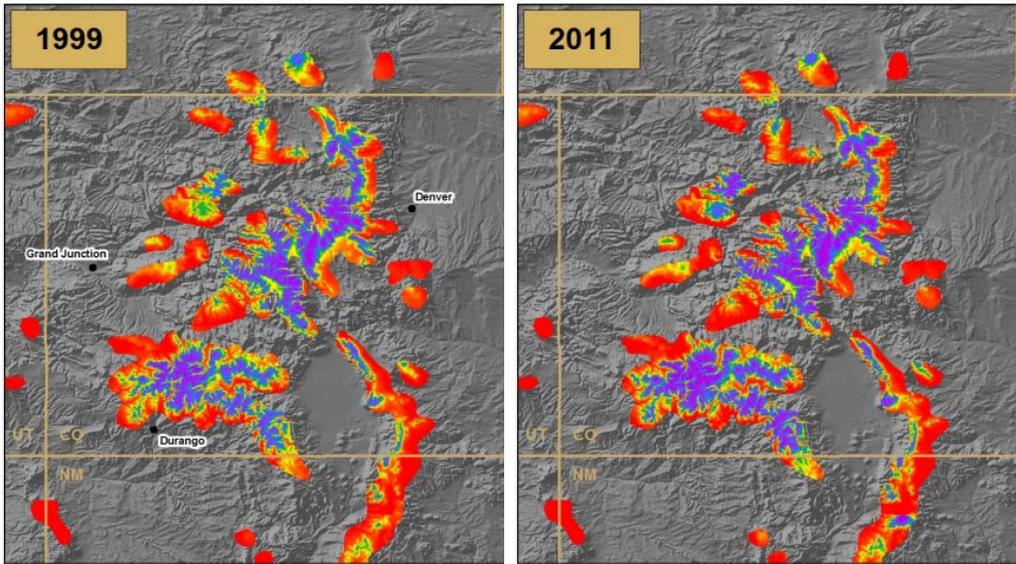
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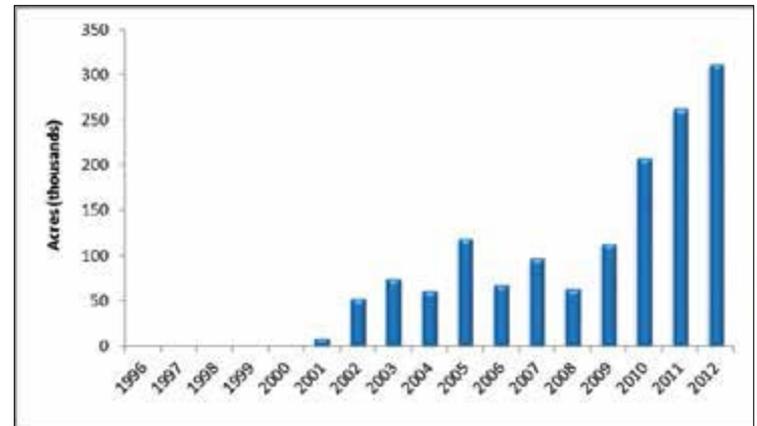


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# Spruce beetle



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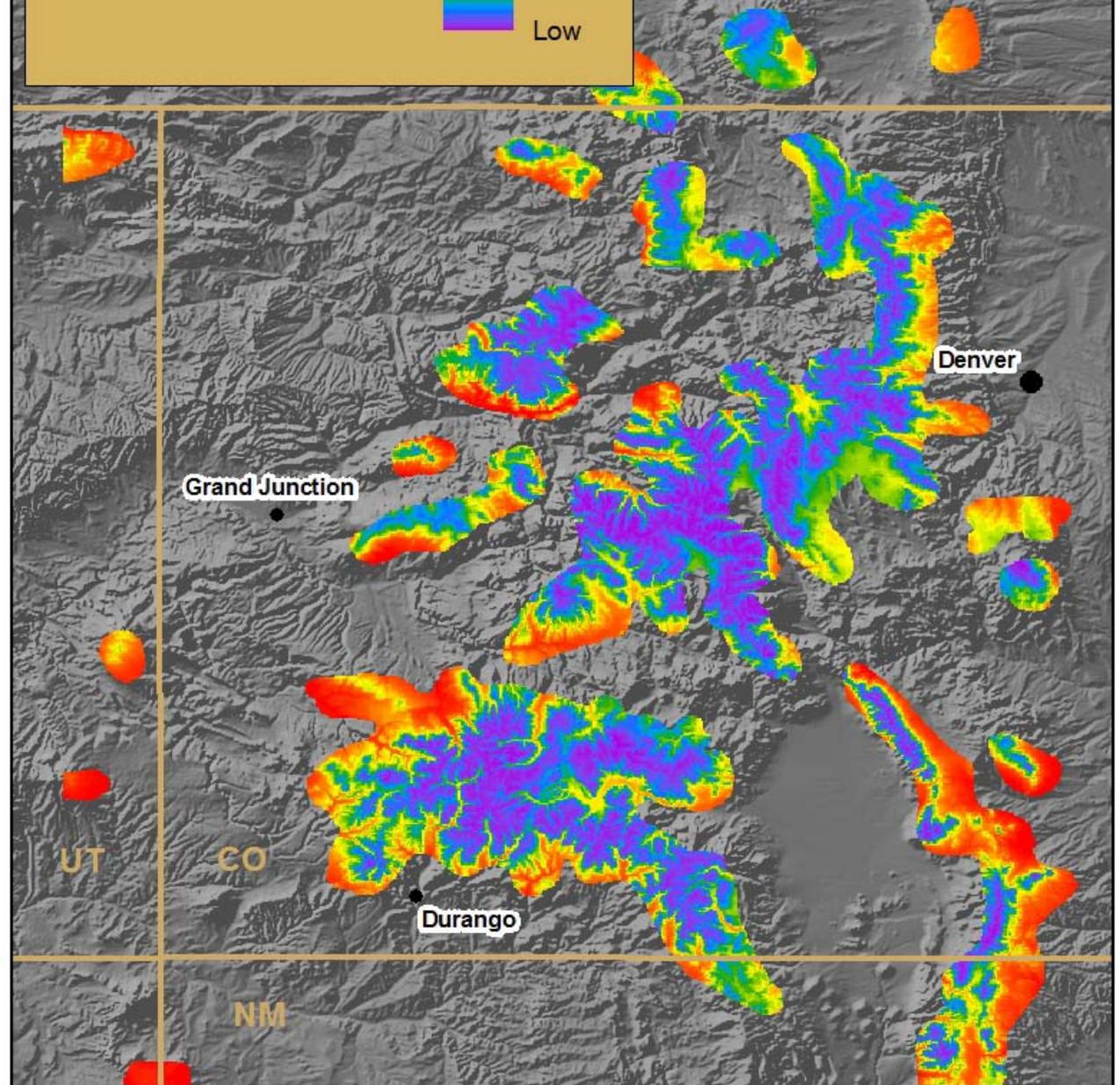


# Spruce Beetle Proportion univoltine

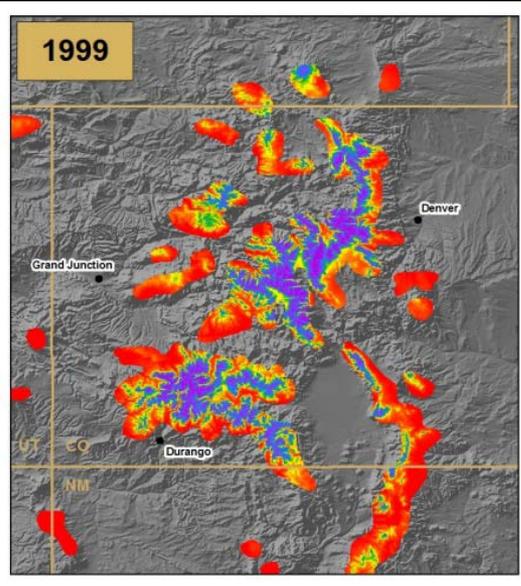
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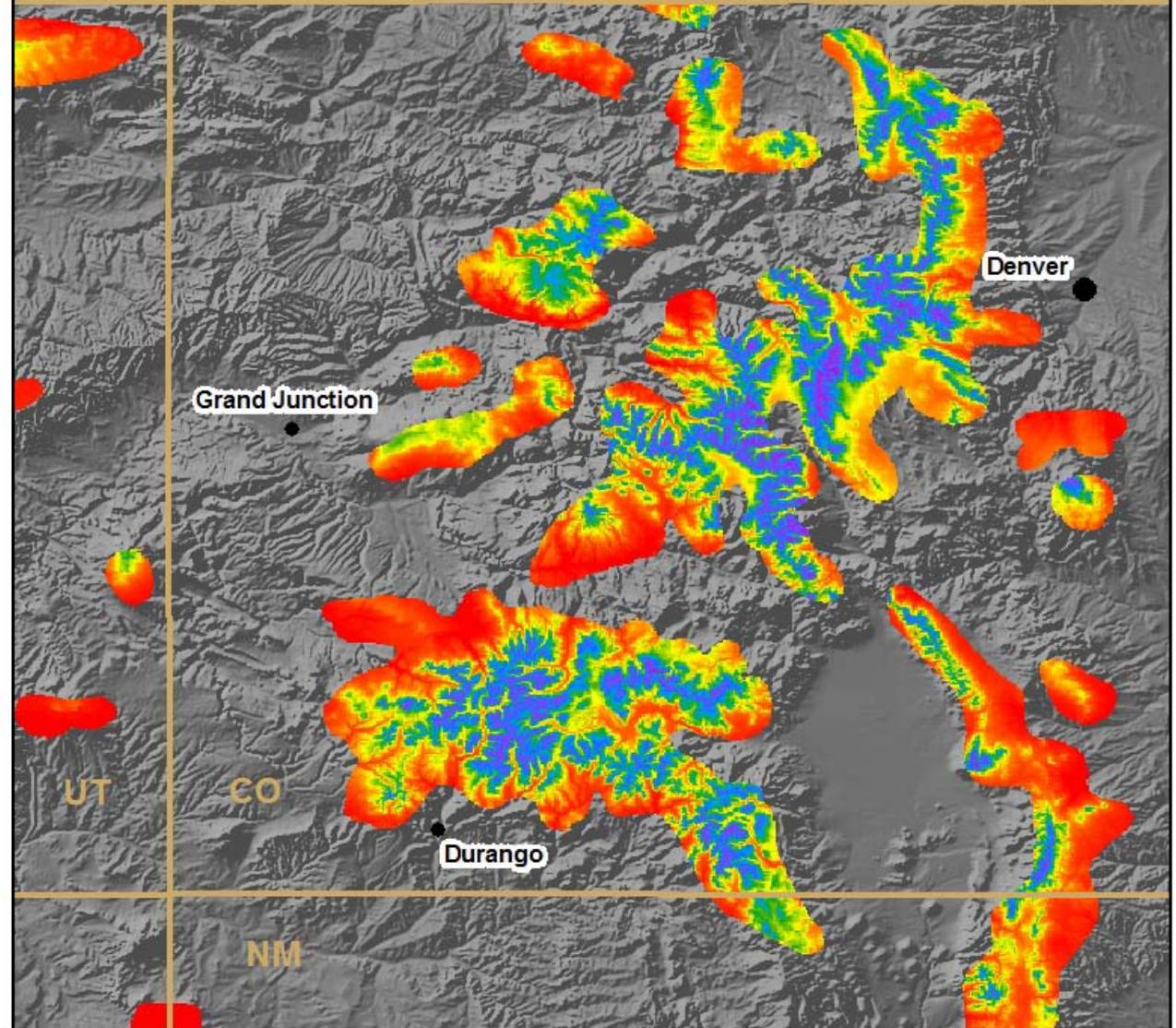
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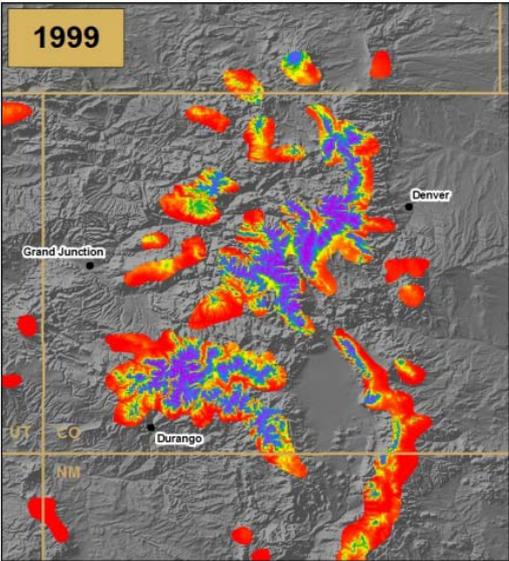
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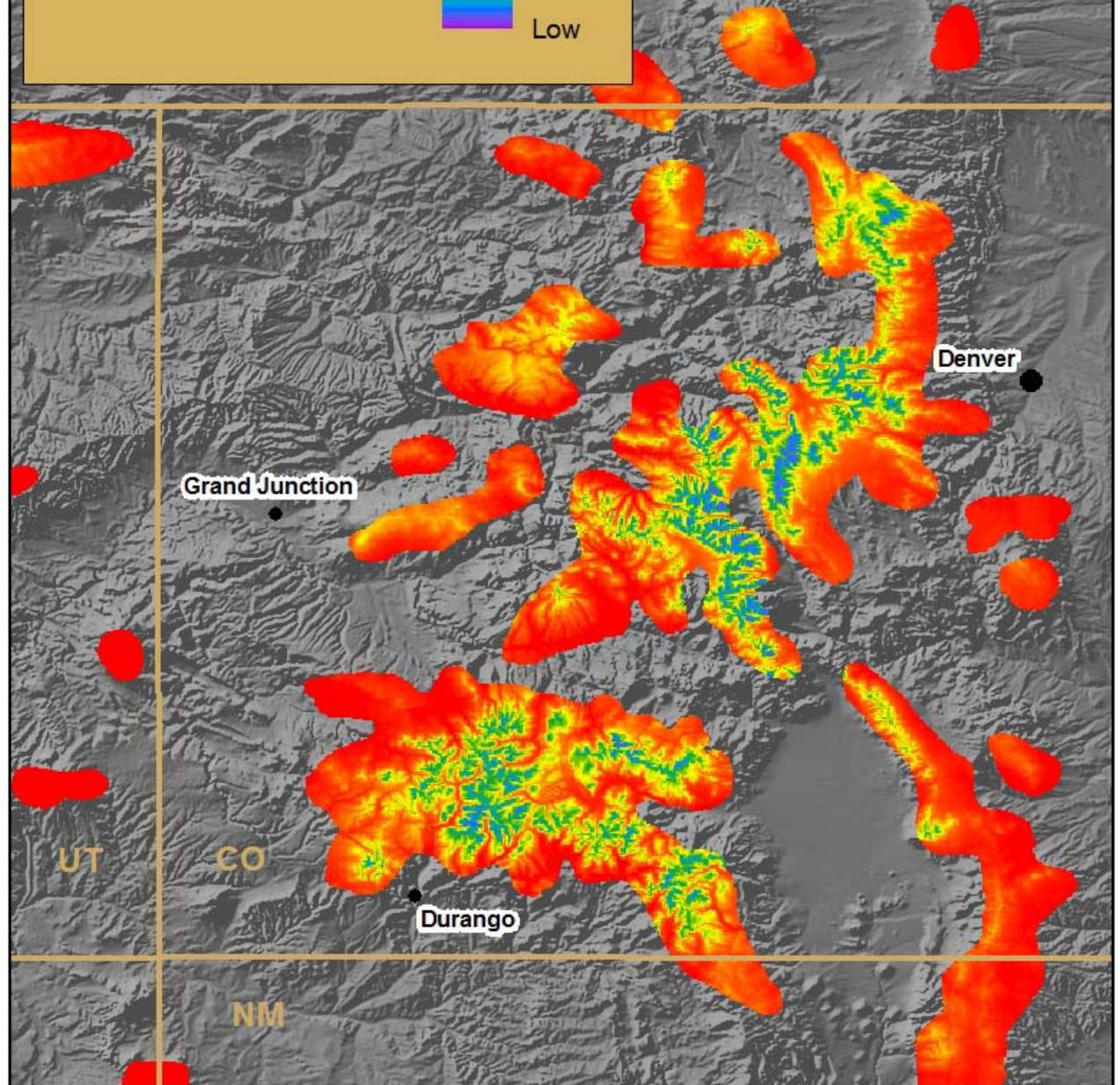
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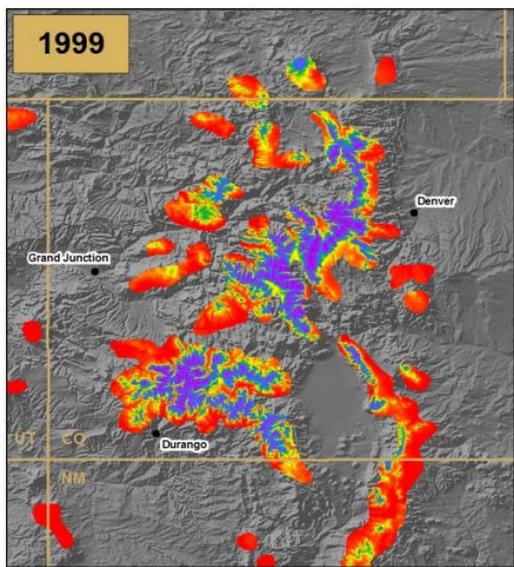
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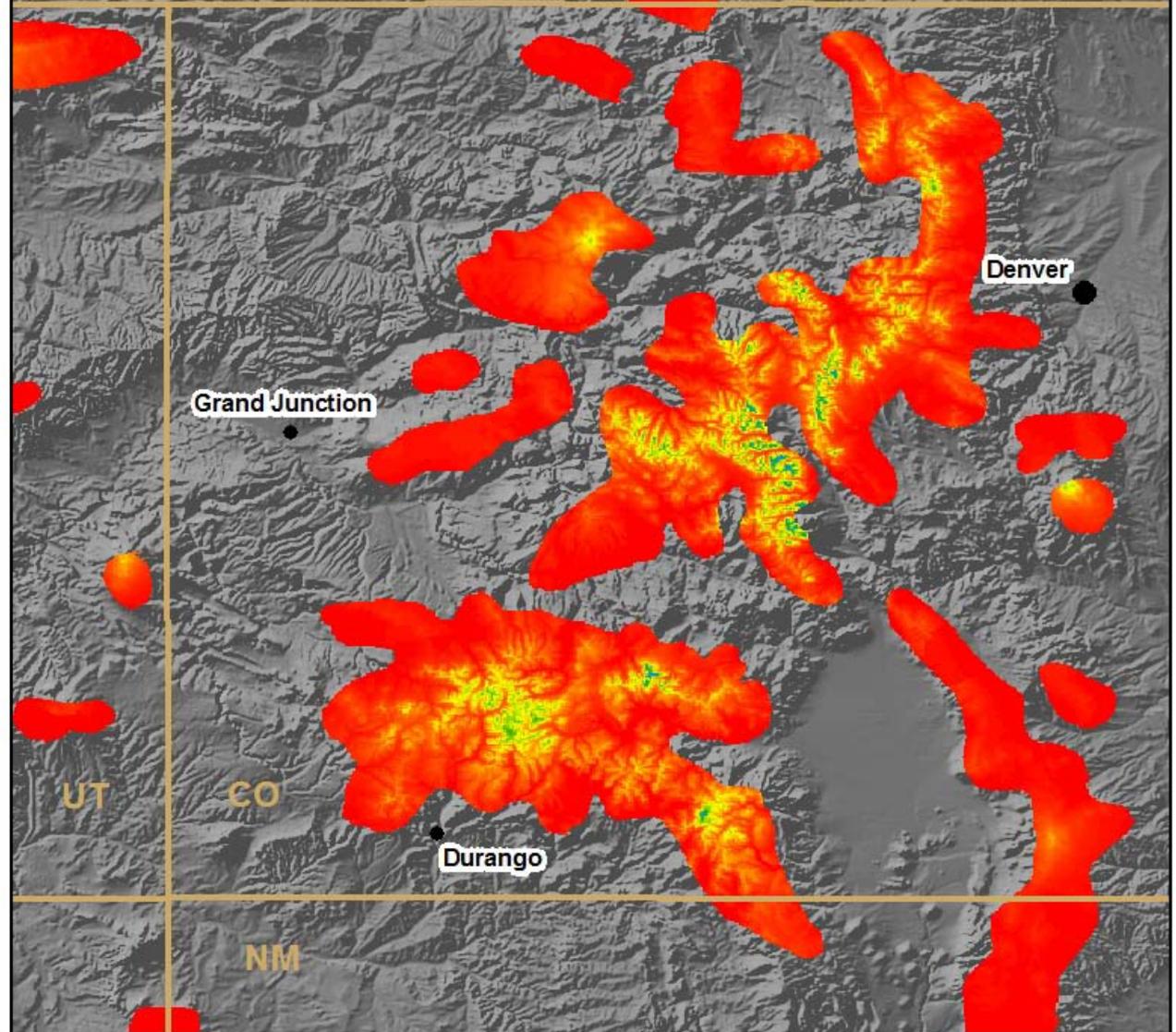
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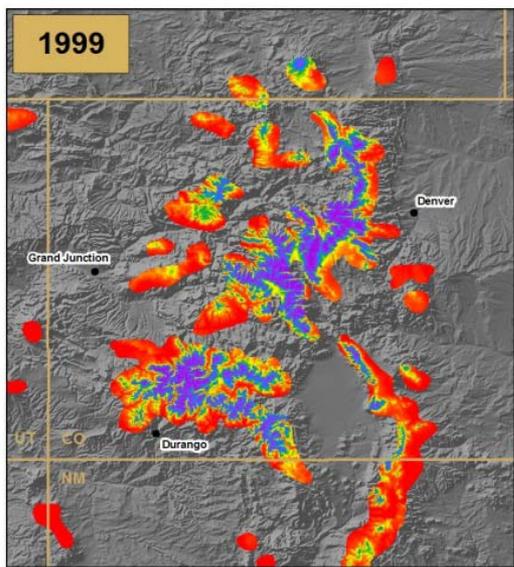
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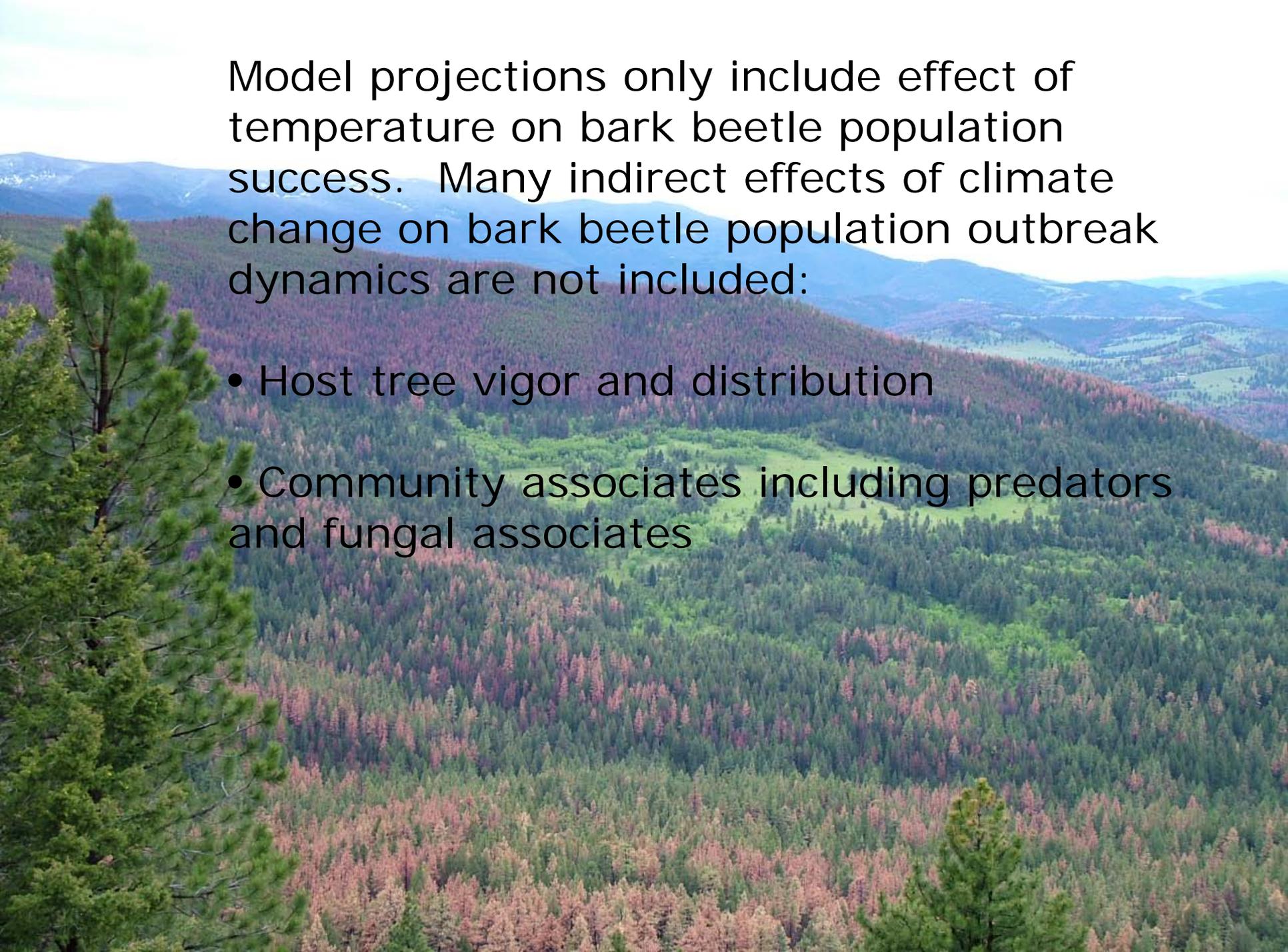


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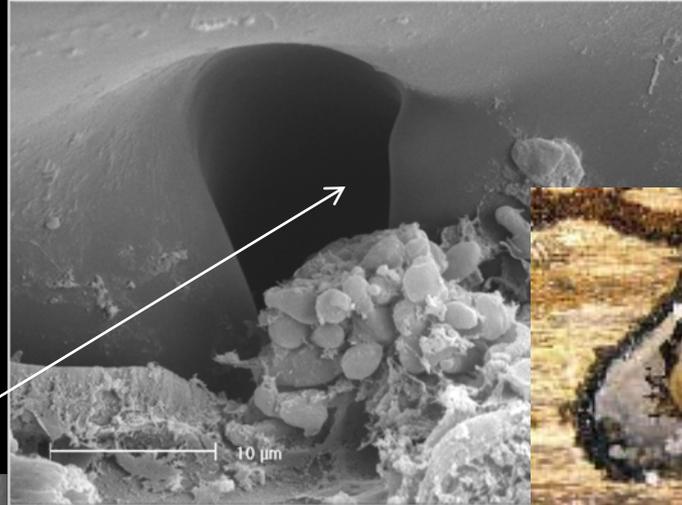
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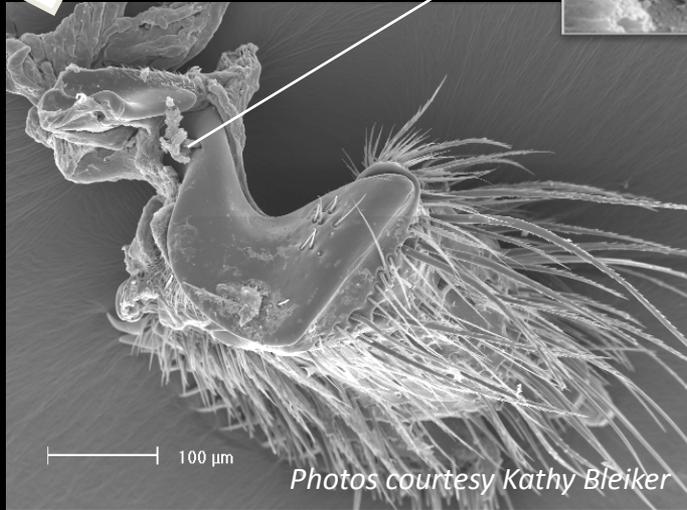
An aerial photograph of a vast forest landscape. The foreground and middle ground are filled with a dense forest of coniferous trees. Many of these trees have turned a reddish-brown color, indicating they have been killed by bark beetles. The remaining green trees are scattered throughout, creating a mottled appearance. In the background, rolling hills and mountains are visible under a clear sky. The overall scene depicts the impact of a bark beetle outbreak on a large-scale forest ecosystem.

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- Community associates including predators and fungal associates



fungi  
spores

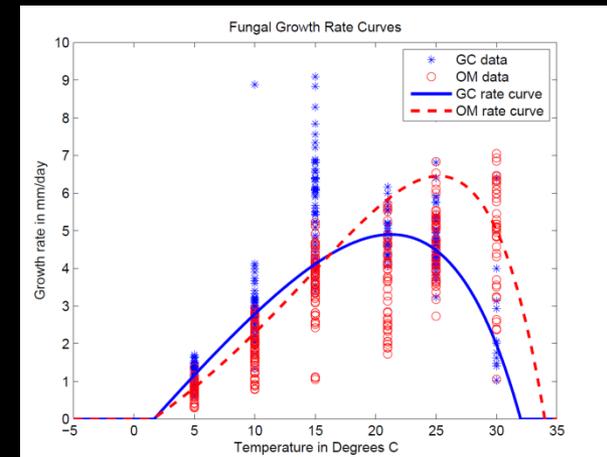


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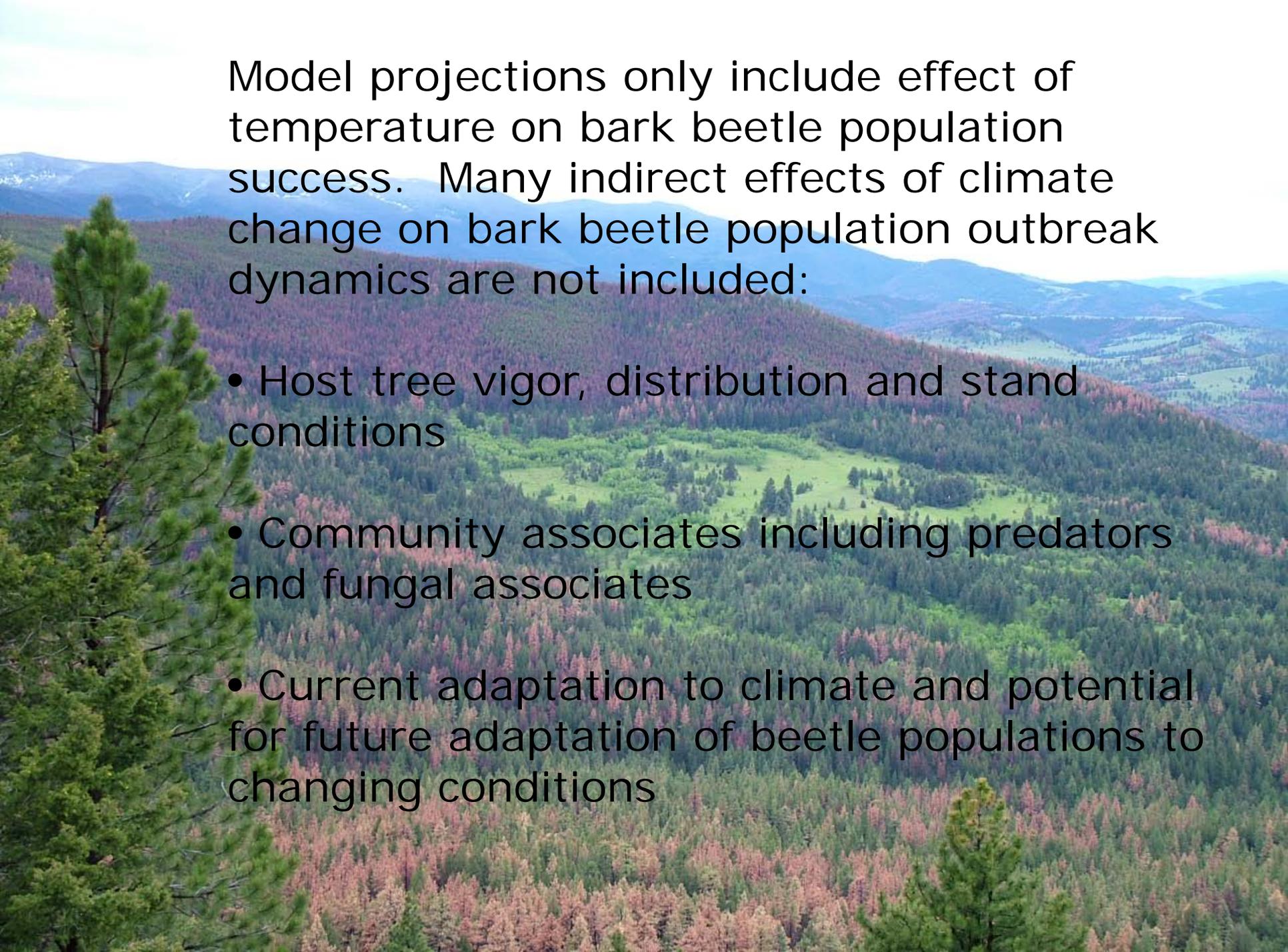


'Blue – staining' fungi provide vital nutrients to developing mountain pine beetle.

The 2 associated fungi will be differentially influenced by changing temperature.



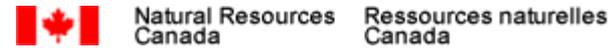
Addison et al. submitted

A scenic view of a forest landscape. In the foreground, a large, vibrant green pine tree stands on the left. The middle ground is filled with a dense forest of trees, some of which appear to be in various stages of decay or have turned a reddish-brown color. In the background, rolling hills and mountains are visible under a clear sky.

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- Host tree vigor, distribution and stand conditions
- Community associates including predators and fungal associates
- Current adaptation to climate and potential for future adaptation of beetle populations to changing conditions

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