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**To:** Brian Geils, Research Plant Pathologist

**Subject:** Ribes in the Black Hills, SD

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Brian,

Here's some information regarding the *Ribes* in the Black Hills. There are six *Ribes* species identified in the area. I found this information in the following reference: Larson G. E. and Johnson, J. R. 1999. Plants of the Black Hills and Bear Lodge Mountains. South Dakota Agricultural Experimental Station (B732), Brookings, SD. 608 pp.

The *Ribes* species are:

Black currant (*Ribes americanum*)\*

Golden currant [*R. aureum* (*R. odoratum*)]

Western red currant (*R. cereum*)

Hairystem gooseberry (*R. hirtellum*)

Swamp currant (*R. lacustre*)

Northern gooseberry [*R. oxycanthoides* (*R. setosum*)]\*

The ones with "\*" are the ones I have seen in the area.

The limber pines in the Cathedral Spires are infected with white pine blister rust, and there are *Ribes* in the area. Since it's now snowing and cold in the Black Hills, I can't do much regarding distributions this year.

I think I told you this, but I looked at the *Ribes* in WY and SD this year and did not find much blister rust infection. I did not try to quantify these observations, but I probably found only



five infected leaves out of approximately 200+ observations. Of the five leaves with infection, sporulation was very light. From my talks with others at the WIFDWC meeting, this low level of infection was common throughout the region.

With best regards,

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