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## RED BAND DISEASE OF PINE, *Scirrhia pini*

Bob Erickson

This needle blight has caused reddening and premature loss of foliage on lodgepole and western white pine in the West Kootenay.

Reddish crowns now are evident south of Nelson from Hall to Salmo and from Salmo to Fruitvale; in the Castlegar area and from there to Nakusp along the Slocan Valley; at the top end of the Kettle River Valley to Edgewood; up the Granby River to Burrell Creek and up Burrell Creek.

The infected needles will shed and fall; tree crowns will appear thin this year. Flush of the current year's needles will generally improve the trees' appearance, although these needles may also become infected if wet, cool conditions persist.