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Cover photo: Sugar Pine, Oil on Canvas, 2002, by Dean Davis. Davis is a retired US Forest Service employee who spent 34 years with the Region 5 Genetics team. This painting was based on a tree on Thompson Ridge in an area heavily blighted by White Pine Blister Rust near the location of many of the initial WPBR resistance selections in the 1950s and 60s. In this issue of *GENETICS*, Stevens *et al.* report the sequencing, assembly, and annotation of the sugar pine genome as well as the linkage of the major resistance locus Cr1 to genomic scaffolds. See Stevens *et al.*

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