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Having farmed 25 years where Old Man's beard was growing for years, indicated by circumference of the vine I have found it is being confined to its original area by frosts and grazing animals. Native vines and Old Mans beard occupy similar areas and are part of the biodiversity .Native vines being hardy spread outside Old Mans Beard areas and cover more treesAs landholders are also part of the diversity and rules are going to cause stress and unnecessary costs. Bill Gibson