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Kirsti Wash* (kirsti.wash@trincoll.edu). *The packing chromatic number of subdivisions of subcubic graphs.*

The packing chromatic number $\chi_\rho(G)$ of a graph G is the smallest integer k such that the vertex set of G can be partitioned into sets X_1, \dots, X_k where X_i is an i -packing for each $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$. Gastineau and Togni recently conjectured that $\chi_\rho(S(G)) \leq 5$ where $S(G)$ is the subdivision of any subcubic graph. We show that the conjecture is indeed true for all generalized prisms of a cycle other than the Petersen graph. We also give a more general class of 2-connected subcubic graphs for which the conjecture holds and discuss the obstacles of proving the conjecture in general. (Received September 16, 2016)