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RIDGE PROTECTION IDENTIFICATION

As required by the Mountain Ridge Protection Act of 1983, G.S. 113A-212.

LEGEND

- YELLOW** identifies a ridge for protection because it has an elevation of 3,000 or more feet and it rises 500 feet or more above the valley floor.
- ORANGE** indicates that a ridge identified for protection with an elevation of 3,000 feet or higher also forms the common boundary between two counties.
- GREEN** identifies a ridge or a part of a ridge rising 500 feet or more above the valley floor, but having an elevation of less than the 3,000 or more feet defining primary eligibility for protection in the Act.
- BLUE** indicates that a ridge identified for protection rising 500 feet or more above the valley floor, but having less than 3,000 foot elevation, also forms the common boundary between two counties.

It is important to note that the ridge identification line (narrow black line along identified ridges and spurs), and the colored mark drawn over it to code its meaning as well as make it easier to see, are only for the purpose of identifying ridges to be protected. They are in no way meant to show the extent of the 100 foot elevation protection zone specified by the Act.

The degree and kind of protection to which ridges identified for protection are subject is dependent upon which options available under the Act are chosen by the local government units having jurisdiction. For that reason, if ridges rising 500 feet or more above the valley floor, but with less than 3000 foot elevation, have been identified on this map, their actual protection under the Act is entirely dependent on whether or not the local government with jurisdiction has elected to remove the Act's 3000 foot elevation requirement. Local government authorities should be consulted to determine applicable ridge protection when interpreting this map.

As required by the Act, a copy of this map is available for inspection at the Secretary's office in Raleigh. Information copies are also on file in the Department's Field Office serving the area covered by this map.

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