..National Hydrography Dataset, 2012

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## INTRODUCTION

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**Tallulah Falls Formation** 

The Pea Ridge 7.5-minute Quadrangle is located in the southwestern portion of the Piedmont physiographic province in Polk and Rutherford counties, North Carolina. The quadrangle lies southwest of Rutherfordton, NC and northeast of Columbus, NC. It is located within the Rutherfordton-Spindale-Forest City metropolitan projected growth area, and southern Pea Ridge is home to the Tryon International Equestrian Center. Major transportation corridors include U.S. Highway 74 and N.C. Highway 108. Total elevation relief is 459ft with a low of 705ft and a high of 1164ft. Major rivers include the Green River, Broad River, and Mountain Creek.

# **GEOLOGIC OVERVIEW**

The Pea Ridge quadrangle comprises the following units of the Tugaloo terrane (Hatcher and others, 2007). Neoproterozoic to early Cambrian Tallulah Falls Formations (TFF); Ordovician Poor Mountain Formation (PMF); and intrusive unnamed meta-igneous rocks (UMIR) of uncertain correlation. The TFF and PMF are interpreted to lie within the Six Mile Thrust Sheet (Griffin, 1974).

The PMF contains sillimanite-grade meta-sedimentary units interlayered with mafic and felsic meta-volcanic rocks. The PMF structurally overlies all other units on the quadrangle by a ductile thrust fault evidenced by associated sheared and mylonitic rocks. The TFF consists of metasedimentary and meta-igneous rocks thought to have been deposited in a distal marine basin outboard of the Laurentian rifted margin (Hatcher and others, 2007). TFF rocks on the quadrangle have been metamorphosed to upper amphibolite facies and are migmatitic. Structural and textural relationships indicate that the UMIR intrude into the TFF, but not into the PMF. Age of the UMIR are uncertain, but crosscutting relationships constrain them be post-TFF deposition and pre-fault emplacement of the PMF. Several resistant and less deformed granitoid gneiss bodies intrude the UMIR and TFF.

Foliations trends are variable and most dip less than 35 degrees. A prominent ENE-WSW joint set and a less prominent ESE set exist on the quadrangle. ENE-trending quartz breccias on the quadrangle are likely associated with the Tryon-Marietta fault zone of Garihan and Ranson

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Schist — Silvery-gray to light-reddish-gray; fine- to medium-grained; inequigranular; lepidoblastic and porphyroblastic; typically has a sheared (S-C) fabric; migmatitic; consists of muscovite, sillimanite, biotite, garnet, quartz, feldspar, and trace opaque minerals, tourmaline, and apatite. Interlayered with lesser amounts of metasandstone, meta-arkose, metagraywacke, and amphibolite.

Amphibolite — Occurs as a mappable unit structurally beneath metasandstone, quartzite, and meta-arkose layers in places on the quadrangle, and as a minor rock type throughout other map units of the Poor Mountain Formation. Amphibolite is typically mottled white to dark-green to black; fine- to coarse-grained; foliated; equigranular to nematoblastic; consists of hornblende, plagioclase, biotite, epidote group minerals, quartz, and minor garnet, chlorite, pyroxene, titanite, and opaque minerals. Interlayered with lesser amounts of metasandstone, quartzite, meta-arkose, and sillimanite schist.

#### Unnamed meta-igneous rocks

Hornblende quartzo-feldspathic gneiss — Very light-gray to grayish-black, commonly weathers to darkyellowish-orange; fine- to coarse-grained; foliated; well layered; equigranular; consists of quartz, plagioclase, potassium feldspar, epidote group minerals, biotite, muscovite, hornblende, chlorite, garnet, and trace apatite, rutile, monazite, and opaque minerals; interlayered with amphibolite and hornblende gneiss. Locally contains rotated enclaves (xenoliths?) of layered amphibolite and small pods of altered ultramafic rocks.

**Hornblende gneiss** — Contains dominantly hornblende gneiss with lesser amounts of biotite gneiss. Hornblende gneiss is mottled white to greenish-black on fresh surfaces; weathered surfaces are mottled white to dark-reddish-brown; medium- to coarse-grained; foliated; massive to well-layered; equigranular; migmatitic; consists of hornblende, plagioclase, quartz, biotite, epidote group minerals, titanite, actinolite, magnetite, minor muscovite and opaque minerals, and trace apatite, monazite, chlorite, and zircon. Biotite granitic gneiss layers within hornblende gneiss are gray to grayish-black; medium- to coarse-grained; foliated; migmatitic; consists of plagioclase, quartz, biotite, muscovite, hornblende, minor epidote group minerals and sericite, and

Amphibolite — Occurs as mappable and small unmappable bodies within the hornblende gneiss and hornblende quartzo-feldspathic gneiss units. Amphibolite is typically mottled white to dark-green to black; fineto coarse-grained; foliated; equigranular; nematoblastic; consists of hornblende, plagioclase, biotite, epidote group minerals, quartz, muscovite, and minor garnet, chlorite, pyroxene, titanite, and opaque minerals.

Altered ultramafic — Interpreted to be an altered pyroxenite. Ultramafic is typically medium-gray-green to dark-gray-green; medium- to coarse-grained; weakly foliated; equigranular to inequigranular; nematoblastic Bronze, coarse-grained, poikilitic hypersthene with green amphibole inclusions locally preserve a relict porphyritic texture. Consists of actinolite/tremolite, talc, hypersthene, enstatite, chlorite, and minor opaque minerals including magnetite. Lesser amounts of medium- to coarse-grained amphibolite and hornblende gneiss occur within this unit.

#### **Tallulah Falls Formation**

Undivided — The Tallulah Falls Formation is a thick, heterogeneous sequence of metamorphosed sedimentary and volcanic rocks. Sequences of metagraywacke, schistose metagraywacke, mica schist, and amphibolite are interlayered at all scales.

Metagraywacke — medium-light-gray to medium-dark-gray; medium- to coarse-grained; foliated (ranges from massive to gneissic); equigranular to inequigranular; granoblastic to lepidoblastic; migmatitic; consists of quartz, plagioclase, biotite, muscovite, potassium feldspar, sillimanite, and minor garnet, opaques, epidote, and apatite; thickness of layering ranges from decimeters to meters. Interlayered at all scales with mica schist, schistose metagraywacke, amphibolite, and minor calc-silicate.

Schistose metagraywacke — medium-gray to dark-gray; fine- to medium-grained; foliated; equigranular to inequigranular; lepidoblastic to weakly granoblastic to porphyroblastic; migmatitic; consists of quartz, plagioclase, muscovite, biotite, potassium feldspar, sillimanite, epidote group minerals, chlorite, garnet, and trace opaque minerals; thickness of layering ranges from several millimeters to meters; commonly interlayered with metagraywacke, mica schist, conglomeratic metagraywacke, amphibolite, and minor calc-silicate.

*Mica schist* — silvery-gray to medium-dark-gray; fine- to medium-grained; equigranular; lepidoblastic to porphyroblastic; migmatitic; consists of muscovite, biotite, garnet, quartz, feldspar, and trace epidote group minerals, chlorite, and opaque minerals; interlayered with metagraywacke, schistose metagraywacke, amphibolite, and rare calc-silicate.

**Biotite gneiss** — Heterogeneous unit consisting of interlayered porphyroblastic biotite gneiss, with lesser amounts of metagraywacke, schist, and hornblende-biotite gneiss. Biotite gneiss is typically gray to grayishplack; medium- to coarse-grained; well foliated; compositionally layered; locally protomylonitic; inequigranular; porphyroblastic to lepidoblastic; migmatitic; consists of plagioclase, quartz, biotite, potassium feldspar, muscovite, garnet, epidote group minerals, chlorite, opaques, and little to no hornblende.

Mineral abundances are listed in decreasing order of abundance based upon visual estimates of hand

# STREAM SEDIMENT HEAVY MINERAL ANALYSIS

Stream sediment heavy mineral analysis was conducted from March 2015 through June 2016 to aid geologic mapping, better define conditions of metamorphism, and inventory minerals of potential economic significance. Procedure: In the field, approximately 13.6 kg of stream sediment material is panned to approximately 300 g of heavy mineral concentrate at each sample locality. In the laboratory, concentrate is washed and passed through heavy liquid separation using tetrapromoethane, and scanned with short- and long-wave ultraviolet illumination using an Ultra-violet Products Inc. Model UVGL-48 Mineralight Lamp. Magnetite is removed with a hand magnet. A sample locality are tabulated below.

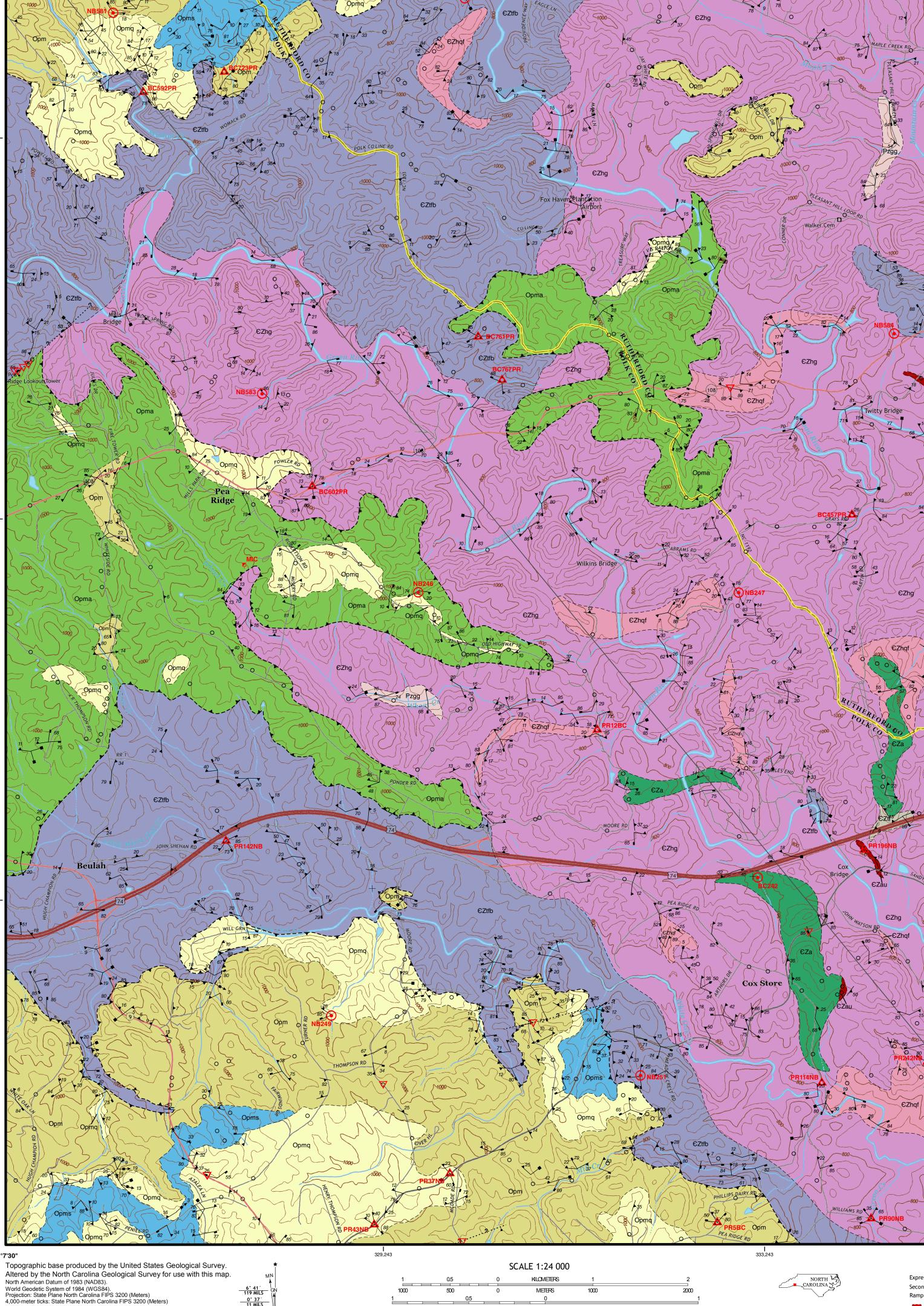
Mineral abbreviations used in table: Mg-magnetite; Gt-garnet; Zr-zircon; Bt-biotite; Rt-rutile; Czo- clinozoisite; Ep-epidote group minerals; Sil – sillimanite; Hbl-hornblende; Ttn-titanite; Tur-tourmaline; Mnz- monazite; Ap-apatite; Qtz-quartz; Ilm-ilmenite and other black opaque minerals; Hem-hematite and other red opaque minerals; Lx-leucoxene; Ud-unidentified.

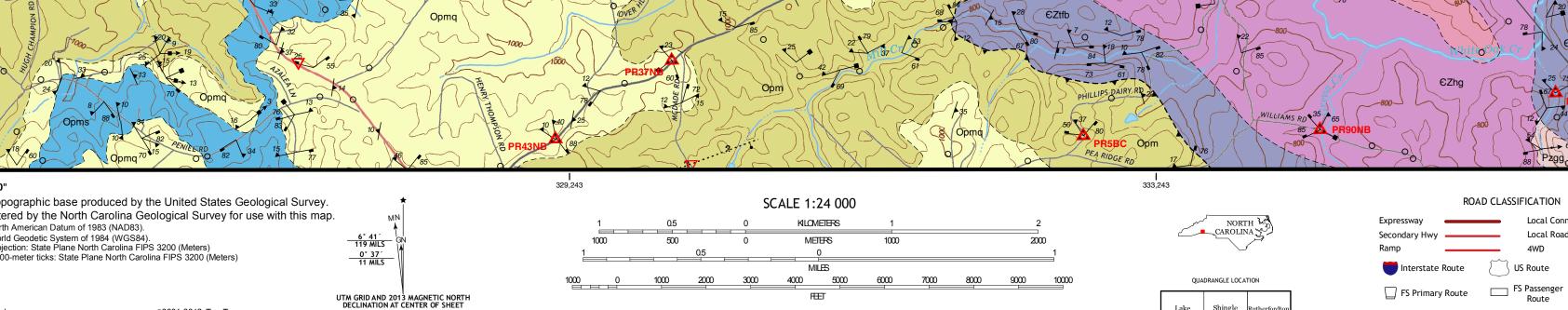
	COORDINATES	MAP UNITS	% TOTAL HM IN	/I IN PERCENT HEAVY MINERALS IN SAMPLE <sup>4</sup>																	
SAMPLE <sup>1</sup>	(State Plane, NAD 83 m)	DRAINED <sup>2</sup>	SAMPLE <sup>3</sup>	Mg	Gt	Zr	Bt	Rt	Czo	Еp	Sil	Hbl	Ttn	Tur	Mnz	Ар	Qtz	Ilm	Hem	Lx	Ud
NB 246	177,584N; 329,824E	Opmq, Opma	1.47	1.72		17.69	2.95	ı	1.97	31.94	-	37.84	1.47	0.49	-	-	-	1.97	1.47	-	0.49
NB 249	173,168N; 328,771E	Opm, Opmq	0.09	13.16	3.91	6.08	2.17	-	-	35.17	0.43	19.97	-	0.43	-	-	-	18.24	0.43	-	
BC 242	174,478N; 333,294E	€Za,€Zhg	0.60	20.62	0.40	0.79	1.19	0.79	0.40	12.30	-	55.96	-	0.79	-	-	-	4.76	1.59	0.40	
NB 247	177,475N; 333,188E	€Zhg, €Zhqf	0.04	6.25	0.47	13.13	-	0.94	2.34	1.41	2.34	16.41	0.47	2.81	1.41	-		36.09	14.06	1.88	_
NB 251	172,439N; 331,997E	€Ztfb, Opmq	1.00	1.47	-	14.15	2.44	-	-	39.02	-	38.53	0.49	-	0.98	-	-	0.49	1.95	0.49	
NB 581	183,768N; 326,811E	Opm	0.78	15.44	8.03	0.42	-	0.42	1.27	3.81	2.54	2.96	0.42	-	-	-	0.42	62.15	1.69	-	0.85
NB 582	184,333N; 330,736E	€Ztfb	0.69	86.83	ı	0.72	-	ı	0.46	1.51	-	0.53	0.72	-	-	0.46	-	3.03	1.51	4.08	0.13
NB 583	179,719N; 328,250E	€Zhg, Opmq, Opma	1.99	2.51	-	6.34	-	-	1.46	35.58	-	42.41	0.49	-	-	-	-	0.97	5.36	4.87	
NB 584	180,143N; 334,904E	€Zhg, €Ztfb	1.98	0.47	-	-	-	-	1.99	4.48	-	85.10	2.49	-	-	-	-	0.50	1.00	3.98	
NB 585	183,880N; 330,494E	€Ztfb, €Zhqf	0.29	2.88	2.91	8.26	-	-	1.94	2.43	-	68.47	9.71	-	-	-	-	-	0.97	2.43	

Sample numbers correspond to stream sediment heavy mineral sample localities shown on geologic map Jp to three most dominant map units contributing to the drainage basin, listed in decending order of map area

<sup>3</sup>Percentage of heavy minerals in 13.6 kg stream sediment sample <sup>4</sup>Point count percentages of heavy minerals from processed samples

(State Plane, NAD 83 m)





Equal area Schmidt Net projection of contoured poles to mylonitic

foliation. Mylonitic foliation count 26.

CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET

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**AREA STEREONET DATA** 

NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988

WHOLE ROCK ICP ANALYSIS¹ OF SELECTED SAMPLES **ROCK TYPE** 58.34 | 18.90 | 11.13 | 0.26 | 0.04 | 0.45 | 3.58 | 1.30 | 0.16 | 0.06 | 0.018 | 46 | 789 | 34 | 22 | <20 | sillimanite-garnet schist

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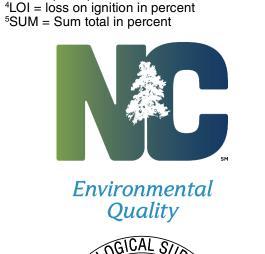
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179,785N; 330,776E biotite meta-melagabbro Whole Rock Inductively Coupled Plasma - Atomic Emission Spectrometer (ICP) analysis conducted by Bureau Veritas, 9050 Shaughnessy St, Vancouver, BC Canada V6P 6E5. <sup>2</sup>Sample numbers correspond to thin section and whole rock sample localities shown on geologic map <sup>3</sup>PPM = parts per million

**CROSS SECTION A-A'** 



Fault Contact — arrows indicate relative motion along fault Form Lines ------ interpretive patterns of subsurface foliation orientations based upon surficial structural measurements Research supported by the U.S. Geological Survey, National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program under STATEMAP (Awards - 2015, G15AC00237; 2014, G14AC00230). This map and explanatory information is submitted for publication with the understanding that the United

Bedrock Geologic Map of the Pea Ridge 7.5-minute Quadrangle, **Polk and Rutherford Counties, North Carolina** 

Equal area Schmidt Net projection of contoured poles to foliation.

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Equal area Schmidt Net projection of contoured poles to joints and

unidirectional rose diagram inset. Joint count 775.

### **EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS**

Thrust fault—Identity and existence certain, location inferred. Contact—Identity and existence certain, location inferred Sawteeth on upper (tectonically higher) plate Normal fault--Identity or existence questionable, location concealed. Ball and bar on downthrown block

**PLANAR FEATURES** 

(For multiple observations at one locality, symbols are joined at the "tail" ends of the strike lines) Inclined metamorphic or tectonic foliation—Showing

The small, minor inclined joint—Showing strike and dip

Inclined metamorphic or tectonic foliation, for multiple 86 / 69 Small, minor inclined joint, for multiple observations at one locality—Showing strike and dip observations at one locality—Showing strike and dip

Small, minor vertical or near-vertical joint, for multiple Inclined mylonitic foliation—Showing strike and dip observations at one locality—Showing strike

Inclined mylonitic foliation, for multiple observations at one locality—Showing strike and dip

small, minor fold—Showing bearing and plunge

Inclined aligned-mineral lineation—Showing bearing and plunge Float station

Inclined slickenline, groove, or striation on fault surface—Showing bearing and plunge Inclined fold hinge of generic (type or orientation unspecified)

NATURAL RESOURCES

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Thin section and whole rock analysis sample location Heavy mineral sample location

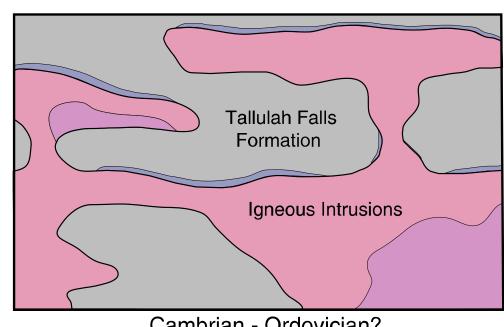
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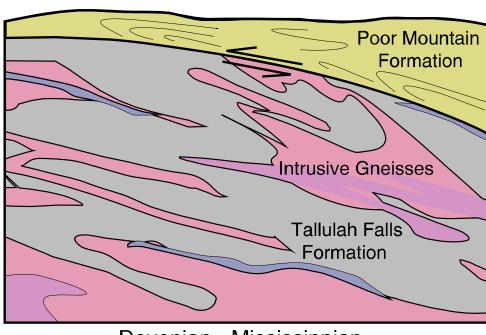
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X Prospect (pit or small open cut) Abandoned open pit, quarry, or glory hole Open pit, quarry, or glory hole

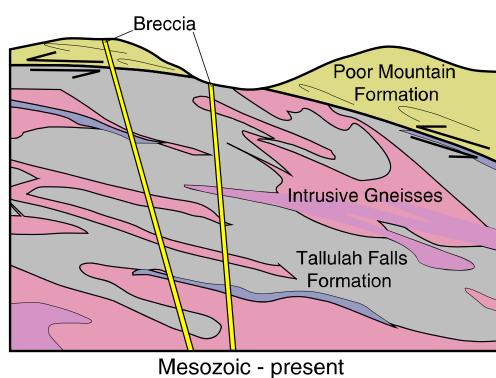
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Cambrian - Ordovician? Igneous intrusion & deformation



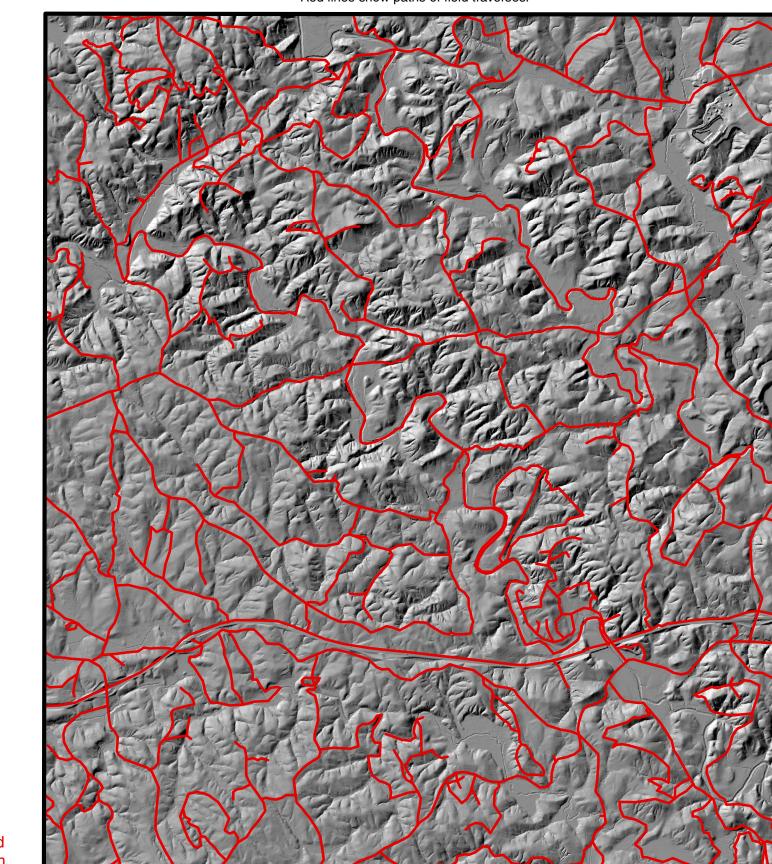
Devonian - Mississippian Peak metamorphism & deformation



Brittle faulting & erosion

TRAVERSE MAP

Hillshade derived from a six meter pixel resolution LiDAR (Light Detecting And Ranging) digital elevation model.



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Equal area Schmidt Net projection of fold hinges in blue and

mineral lineations in red. Fold hinge count 8. Mineral lineation count 13.

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