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ATKINSON FAMILY—TEARIN' UP THE LINE—

No Label, AF-TUL. New York State's Atkinson Family is celebrating their sixth anniversary with a brand new collection of recorded material. Headed by family patriarch Dick Atkinson, the band focuses on tight vocal harmonies and solid picking that highlights the lead vocals of Liza and Shelene Atkinson. For this endeavor, the family is joined by guest pickers Junior Barber (resonator guitar) and fiddler Becky Buller. The 15-song lineup includes Becky's own "Rest My Weary Feet." While the listener will quickly recognize standard pieces like "In The Pines" and "Rovin' Gambler," the emphasis is on originality, with Atkinson Family originals like "Long Long Road," "Grandmother," and "Free And Easy Blues." "Tearin' Up The Line" is a stellar production that will surely generate many new friends for the group. (Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band, 52 Atkinson Rd., Harrisville, NY 13648, <www.atkinsonfamilybluegrass.com>.)

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