

## Palmer seeks to extend Smackover oil field in Conecuh County, Alabama

Palmer Petroleum has scheduled an 11,500-ft wildcat in Alabama's Conecuh County in an attempt to extend Smackover oil production to the east.

In far eastern Conecuh County, Palmer's 1 Pate-Black Stone "14-9" (API 01-035-20290) will be drilled from a site in the sw ne se of section 14-4n-13e. The exploratory test is expected to bottom in the Paleozoic, targeting oil pays in the Smackover.

The nearest Smackover well is two miles to the southwest in section 22. Pruet Production's 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "22-5" (API 01-035-20283-0100) was tested in February flowing 405 bbls of 45.7-degree crude and 263,000 cu ft of gas per day through perforations at 11,424-11,439 ft. Flowing tubing pressure was gauged at 175 psi on a 24/64-inch choke. The Little Cedar Creek field well was directionally drilled to a total depth of 11,770 ft.

Dozens of Smackover wells have been drilled in this part of Conecuh County in recent years. Sklar Exploration, Pruet Production and Fletcher Petroleum are among some of the operators active in the Little Cedar Creek and Brooklyn field areas.

Seven miles south-southwest of Palmer's new location is a directional wildcat permitted in early March by Sklar. The 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "21-2" (API 01-035-20291) is planned for a surface location in the se nw ne of section 21-3n-13e, with a proposed bottomhole to the east. Proposed total depth is 12,679 ft, or a true vertical depth of 12,585 ft. A successful Smackover completion would extend Little Cedar Creek field about five miles to the south.

