

Fletcher Petroleum expands Smackover program into Escambia County, Alabama

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Fletcher Petroleum has staked its first Smackover wildcat in Alabama's Escambia County, south of the company's producing oil wells in neighboring Conecuh County.

The company's 16 Hart "17" (API 01-053-20677) is slated to be directionally drilled from a site in the se of section 17-3n-13e, with a bottomhole immediately to the north. Proposed true vertical depth is 12,500 ft.

One and three-quarter miles west of Fletcher's new location is DCOR LLC's 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "18-4" (API 01-053-20660) in section 18. DCOR's Smackover discovery was tested in March at a daily rate of 180 bbls of 47.7° crude and 119,000 cu ft of gas through perforations at 12,074-12,092 ft. Total depth is 12,369 ft.

Four miles southwest of Fletcher's new location is a Smackover exploratory test permitted in late June by Fairways Exploration & Production. The 1 Linzy "6-8" (API 01-053-20676) is scheduled to be directionally drilled in section 6-2n-13e, bottoming less than a half-mile to the southeast. Proposed total depth is 13,751 ft, or 13,500 ft tvd.

Fairway's 1 Cedar Creek "17-14" is the southernmost Smackover well in the area.

Sklar Exploration is the most active company along the Escambia/Conecuh county line. The company's 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "10-5" (API 01-053-20665) in section 10-3n-12e was drilled in early April to a total depth of 12,410 ft. Farther to the west, Sklar's 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "14-9" (API 01-053-20668) in section 14-3n-11e was drilled in May to a total depth of 12,950 ft. Numerous Sklar-operated Smackover tests have been permitted or drilled over the past two months in the area.

North of the Escambia County drilling programs are numerous Smackover oil wells in the expanding Brooklyn and Little Cedar Creek fields. Many Smackover wells have tested at rates of up to 400 bbls of crude per day. Wells in Brooklyn field straddle the Escambia/Conecuh county line, while Little Cedar Creek field is expanding to the northeast in Conecuh County. Fletcher Petroleum operates two wells in Brooklyn field and one Smackover oil well in Little Cedar Creek field.

