

Sklar nears total depth at wildcat in Escambia County, Alabama

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Sklar Exploration is approaching its objective at the first of two planned wildcats in Escambia County, Alabama, several miles west of the company's Smackover drilling program.

The 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "24-1" (API 01-053-20680) is being directionally drilled from a surface location in the sw ne ne of section 24-3n-10e. At last report, WT Drilling's Rig #18 was active at 11,136 ft. Proposed total depth is 13,454 ft, or 13,400 ft true vertical depth.

Midroc Operating was active in the area in late 2010, about three-quarters of a mile to the west. Midroc's 24-4 Cedar Creek Land & Timber was abandoned at a total depth of 13,400 ft in the Smackover.

Sklar has a second new location a mile northeast of the 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "24-1." The company's 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "18-4" (API 01-053-20681) is slated to be vertically drilled to a total depth of 13,200 ft in the se nw nw of section 18-3n-11e.

Smackover oil production comes from the one-well Castleberry field, four miles north-northwest of Sklar's drillsite. In 2009, the 35-8 McMillan in Conecuh County was tested flowing 134 bbls of 43° crude and 107,000 cu ft of gas daily through perforations in the Smackover at 12,272-12,276 ft. Through March 2014, recovery from the Pruet Production-operated well totals 64,851 bbls of crude, 17.5 million cu ft of gas and 18,225 bbls of water.

Sklar's recent Smackover exploration has taken place to the east in townships 3n-11e and 3n-12e. One of the company's most recent tests – the 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "14-9" (API 01-053-20668) – was drilled in May to a total depth of 12,950 ft with 5 1/2-inch casing set on bottom.

Sklar has drilled numerous Smackover tests along the Escambia/Conecuh county line this year.

Several other operators have Smackover drilling programs in the area, including Fairways Exploration & Production and Fletcher Petroleum. Fairway's 1 Cedar Creek "17-14" in section 17-2n-12e is the southernmost Smackover oil well in the area.

North of the Escambia County drilling programs are dozens of 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.

