

# Fairways expands Smackover program in Escambia County, Alabama

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Fairways Exploration & Production has permitted a Smackover wildcat in Alabama’s Escambia County, more than five miles from the nearest production.

The company’s 1 Nalty “10-14” (API 01-053-20658) is scheduled to be directionally drilled to a total depth of 14,200 ft from a surface location in the sw sw ne of section 10-1n-12e. It is expected to bottom to the southwest beneath the se se sw of the same section.

Fairways has been active in the area this year, drilling a wildcat about two and one-half miles to the northwest. The 1 ST1 Nalty “5-7” (API 01-053-20638-0100) was directionally drilled in April to a total depth of 14,230 ft. It was perforated in the Smackover at 13,770-13,810 ft, but it was deemed non-commercial by the operator. The venture was initially drilled to a depth of 14,000 ft as the 1 Nalty “5-7.”

A little more than three miles north of Fairways’ new location is the company’s 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber “26-4” in section 26-2n-12e. The Smackover wildcat was abandoned in April at a total depth of 13,495 ft.

Three miles further to the northwest is a Smackover oil find made by Fairways late last year. The 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber “17-14” in section 17 was tested flowing 333 bbls of 35-degree crude, with 130,000 cu ft of gas and 15 bbls of water daily. Fairways’ discovery, which reached a total depth of 13,466 ft, was tested through perforations at 12,980-13,020 ft. Through July 2013, recovery from the lone well in Clear Creek field totals 59,233 bbls of crude, 40.3 million cu ft of gas and 17,284 bbls of water.

Within 15 miles north of its latest location are numerous Smackover oil wells completed by Sklar Exploration and Pruet Production along the far southern edge of Conecuh County in the rapidly expanding Cedar Creek field. Several Smackover wells have tested at rates of up to 400 bbls of crude per day.

Smackover drilling is spilling into northeastern Escambia County, with Sklar recently permitting and drilling several tests just south of the county line.

