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Palmer Petroleum drilling Smackover wildcat in Escambia County, Ala.

Palmer Petroleum is active at a Smackover wildcat in northern Escambia County, Alabama.

The 1 McMillan Trust 4-6 (API 01-053-20705) is being drilled by WT Drillings Rig #18 in the sw se nw of section 4-3n-10e. Spud on May 27, proposed total depth is 13,500 ft. The Conecuh County town of Castleberry is three miles to the northeast.

A handful of abandoned tests are in the area, however earlier drilling was to depths shallower than Palmers 13,500-ft target.

Almost three miles to the northeast is a Smackover oil discovery completed in 2009. The 35-8 McMillan in section 35-4n-10e was tested flowing 134 bbls of 43° crude and 107,000 cu ft of gas per day through perforations at 12,272-12,276 ft. Through January 2016, recovery from Pruet Productions well totals 71,739 bbls of crude, 17.5 million cu ft of gas and 23,127 bbls of water. The 35-8 McMillan is the lone well in Castleberry field.

Additional Smackover production comes from a cluster of oil wells in Appleton field, four miles west of Palmer Petroleums wildcat. The Escambia County reservoir was opened in 1983. Production in recent years has come from one active well.

Also in this part of Escambia County is Kirkland field, a three-well Smackover oil pool operated by Sklar Exploration.

