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# Anadarko E&P Onshore, LLC Is New Operator Of Toole County Bakken Well Drilled By Bill Barrett Corp., Permits Three New Bakken Formation Wells There

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As Calgary, Alberta based DeeThree continues an aggressive drilling program a few miles to the north, pursuit of Bakken oil may be getting a boost a few miles to the south, along the eastern edge of the Montana Thrust Belt.

## Anadarko E & P Onshore, LLC Gets Permits For Three Bakken Wells In Toole

The Simmes Ranch 41-2-36-3W-H, drilled by Bill Barrett Corporation. On June 5, operation of the well, as well as an existing permit to drill, was changed to Anadarko E & P Onshore, LLC

In late 2012, Denver-based Bill Barrett Corporation drilled the Simmes Ranch 41-2-36-3W-H, a Bakken Formation well located at Section 2, 36N 3W (SE SE, 425 FSL, 950FEL). The well produced 182 barrels of oil in December 2012 and 202 barrels in January 2013, according to data from the Montana Board of Oil & Gas Conservation (the report does not show the number of days the well was in production). When the well was drilled, the bit encountered the Bakken Formation at 3,246 feet.

Bill Barrett also permitted the Simmes Ranch 21-13-36-3WH. Unless renewed, that permit will expire at the end of July.

On June 5, the operation of these two wells was changed to Anadarko E&P Onshore, LLC, a subsidiary of oil and gas giant Anadarko. Anadarko, as of the end of 2013, has 2.79 billion barrels of "oil equivalent." The company is based in The Woodlands, Texas and has offices in Denver, Algiers, London and Beijing.

Anadarko's asset portfolio includes U.S. onshore resource plays in the Rocky Mountains area, the southern United States, the Appalachian basin, and Alaska. The Company is also among the largest independent producers in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, and has production and exploration activities worldwide, including activities in Algeria, Mozambique, Ghana, China, Brazil, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, New Zealand, Colombia, South Africa, and other countries.

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While this marks the entry of Anadarko E&P Onshore, LLC into Montana, the parent company, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, has 38 wells in the state. None of those wells are currently listed as producing.

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In addition to assuming operation of the two Bill Barrett wells, Anadarko has now permitted three new Bakken Formation horizontal wildcat wells.

Anadarko has permitted the two wells on the west side of I-15 near Sunburst: the Simmes Ranch 3603-01-41H, with a Surface Hole Location (SHL) at NW NW 1-36N-3W (450 FNL/245 FWL) and a Probable Bottom Hole Location (PBHL) of 7,492 feet at NE NE 1-36N-3W (400 FNL/330 FEL) and the Simmes Ranch 3603-02-11H, with an SHL at NE NE 2-36N-3W (400 FNL/880 FEL) and a PBHL of 6,875 feet at NW NW 2-36N-3W (400 FNL/330 FWL).

On the east side of I-15, Anadarko now has a permit to drill the Horgus 3702-08-42H. The Horgus has an SHL at SW NW 8-37N-2W (1940 FNL/348 FWL) and a PBHL of 7,833 feet.

#### New Locations

In Toole County, Intermountain Leasing, Inc. has been approved to drill the Skeslien 11-2, located at C NE SW 2-31N-1E (1980 FSL/1980 FWL). The Sunburst Formation well has a proposed depth of 1,750 feet.

#### New Locations - Horizontal Wells

In Richland County, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation has been approved to drill the Young 31-1-2H. The Bakken Formation well has an SHL at NW NE 1-24N-59E (265 FNL/1954 FEL) and a PBHL of 22,366 feet at SE SW 13-24N-59E (240 FSL/1980 FWL).

Continental Resources Inc. has been approved to drill two Bakken Formation wells in Richland County. The Elm 3-12H has an SHL at NW SW 12-25N-54E (1522 FSL/270 FWL) and a PBHL of 19,639 feet at NE SE 7-25N-55E (1980 FSL/200 FEL); the Elm 2-12H has an SHL at NW SW 12-25N-54E (1477 FSL/270 FWL) and a PBHL of 19,796 feet at SE SE 7-25N-55E (660 FSL/200 FEL).

In Roosevelt County, two drilling permits were issued to SM Energy Company for Bakken Formation wells. The Berwick 4-2-HE has an SHL at NW NW 2-27N-58E (375 FNL/319 FWL) and a PBHL of 20,069 feet at NE NE 1-27N-58E (660 FNL/215 FEL); the Berwick 4-2HN has an SHL at NW NW 2-27N-58E (275 FNL/319 FWL) and a PBHL of 20,571 feet at NW NW 26-28N-58E (215 FNL/660 FWL).

#### Re-Entry of Plugged Wells

In Powder River County, a permit to re-enter a plugged well as approved for the Biddle 1-31, operated by Denbury Onshore, LLC and located at SE NE 31-8S-54E (2081 FNL/529 FEL). The Biddle is in the Bell Creek Field and has a proposed depth of 4,700 feet.

#### Re-Issued Locations

In Fallon County's Cedar Creek Field, eight re-issued permits were approved for wells operated by Fidelity Exploration & Production Co. All eight wells will target the Eagle Formation at a proposed depth of 2,000 feet. The eight wells and their locations are: the Fee-BR 2813, located at NE SE 25-5N-60E (2644 FSL/1299 FEL); the Fee-BR 2814, located at SE SW 25-5N-60E (1303 FSL/2601 FWL); the Fee-BR 2839, located at NW NE 27-5N-61E (1150 FNL/2377 FEL); the Fee-BR 2840, located at NE SW 27-5N-61E (2567 FSL/1356 FWL); the Fee 2815, located at NW NW 30-5N-61E (1320 FNL/122 FWL); the Fee 2851, located at SW NW 30-5N-61E (2606 FNL/1298 FWL); the Fee-BR 2852, located at NE NW 31-5N-61E (120 FNL/1436 FWL) and the Fee-BR 2853, located at NW SE 31-5N-61E (2596 FSL/1524 FEL).

In Sheridan County, a re-issued permit was approved for the Meyer 1H, operated by L & H Resources LLP. The Bakken Formation well has an SHL at NE NW 23-37N-56E (1260 FNL/2310 FWL) and a PBHL of 14,420 feet at NW NW 22-37N-56E (1260 FNL/700 FWL).

#### Permit Modifications / Corrections

A permit modification or correction was issued to Rim Operating, Inc. for the Brethren 32-29, located in Sheridan County at SW NE 29-32N-58E (1982 FNL/1527 FEL). The Red River Formation well has a proposed depth of 11,650 feet.

#### Converted to Injection

In Power River County's Bell Creek Field, a permit to convert to injection was approved for the Minnelusa 1 SWD, located at N2 NW SW 27-8S-54E (2970 FNL/660 FWL). The well is operated by Denbury Onshore, LLC.

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