

Legacy Well Innovations & Opportunities

House Bill 1272

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Williston Basin Fun Facts

- According to NDGS production/well count data, all ND productive formations that have produced more than 1MM BO, average 221,411 BO/well.
- Bakken/Three Forks Cumulative Production/Total Well Count yields an average 233,910 BO/well.
- Bakken/Three Forks made 1,078,594 BOPD in September-2022.
- Bakken /Three Forks currently produce 96% daily production in ND.
- The Madison Formation links every Bakken well to a historically prolific conventional reservoir.

SO WHAT IS NEXT?



Madison Formation Fun Facts

- Conventional carbonate reservoir.
- Contains reservoir quality rock throughout the basin.
- Can source its own hydrocarbon.
- Has been identified as a Residual Oil Zone (ROZ) formation via academic research and empirical production data.



What is a Residual Oil Zone (ROZ)?

- A section within the stratigraphic column of a formation that exists below the "oil-water contact" of a reservoir which contains "immobile oil."
- These sections of reservoirs have been naturally water flooded by 3 different criteria.
- In result, remnants of oil are stranded within sections of rock that the oil once migrated through.



Methods to Exploit the ROZ

- CO2 Injection into the ROZ allows the CO2 to become miscible within the oil droplets which in result lowers the oil interfacial surface tension, reduces viscosity and helps vacate the oil from the rock.
- Depressurizing the ROZ lowers the reservoir pressure within a radius around the wellbore to the bubble point pressure which allows the oil droplets to swell from gas expansion within the oil and helps vacate the oil from the rock.

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Type II ROZ

- Standard conventional approach "Pop the Top"
- Cobra Oil & Gas ROZ approach (full yellow section)
- Rock data,
 petrophysical data,
 mudlog data, &
 production data
 support a Type II
 ROZ.

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Type II ROZ Results (Mission Canyon – Renville County, ND)

- After completing the full section of the productive Mission Canyon bed, oil cut increased with increased takeaway from increased reservoir deliverability.
- Cobra Oil & Gas deems this a method of reservoir depressurization. CO2 injection would yield better results with managing less total water.
- Like the San Andres ROZ plays of the Permian Basin, Cobra Oil & Gas believes the Mission Canyon ROZ potential could cover large areas of the Williston Basin.



Needs for Bakken EOR & Madison ROZ Potential

- Available & affordable CO2.
- Available wells with mechanical integrity.
 - Wells of mechanical integrity within areas of Bakken EOR or Madison ROZ potential should be viewed as resources at a State level, not liabilities.
- Fluid handling systems.



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Thank You!

I will gladly answer any questions for further discussion.