### Shallow Gas Production along the Cedar Creek Anticline in Southeastern Montana\*

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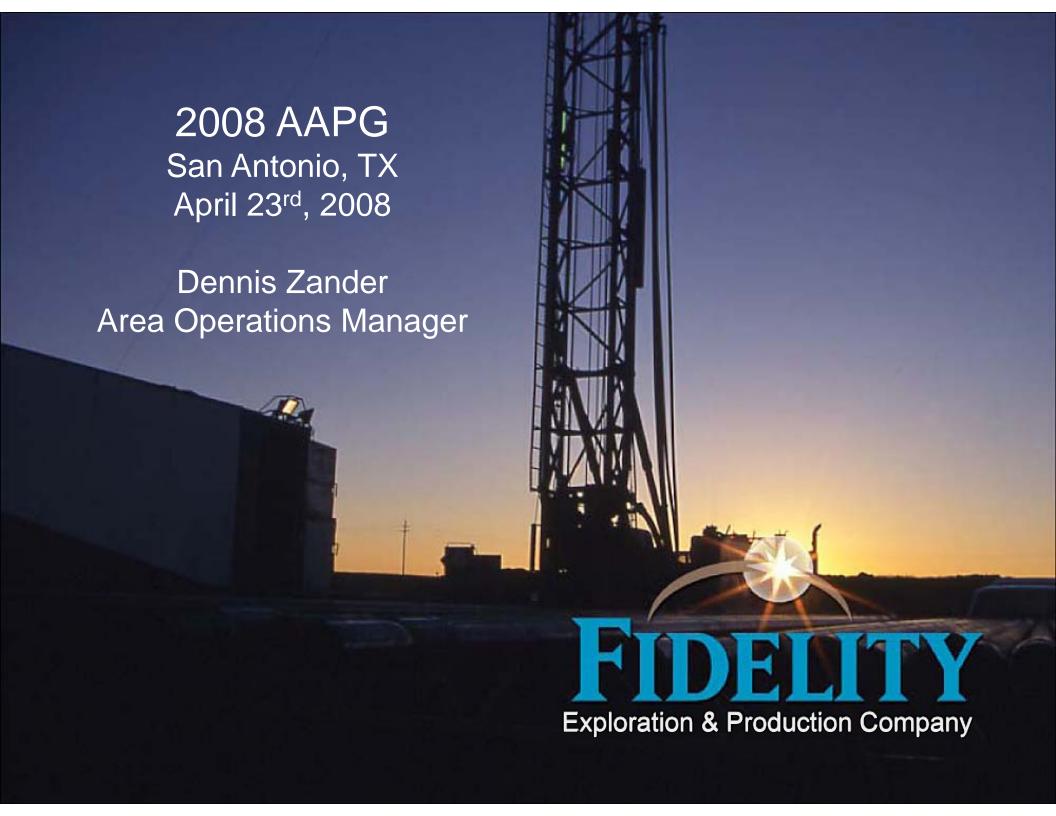
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### **Abstract**

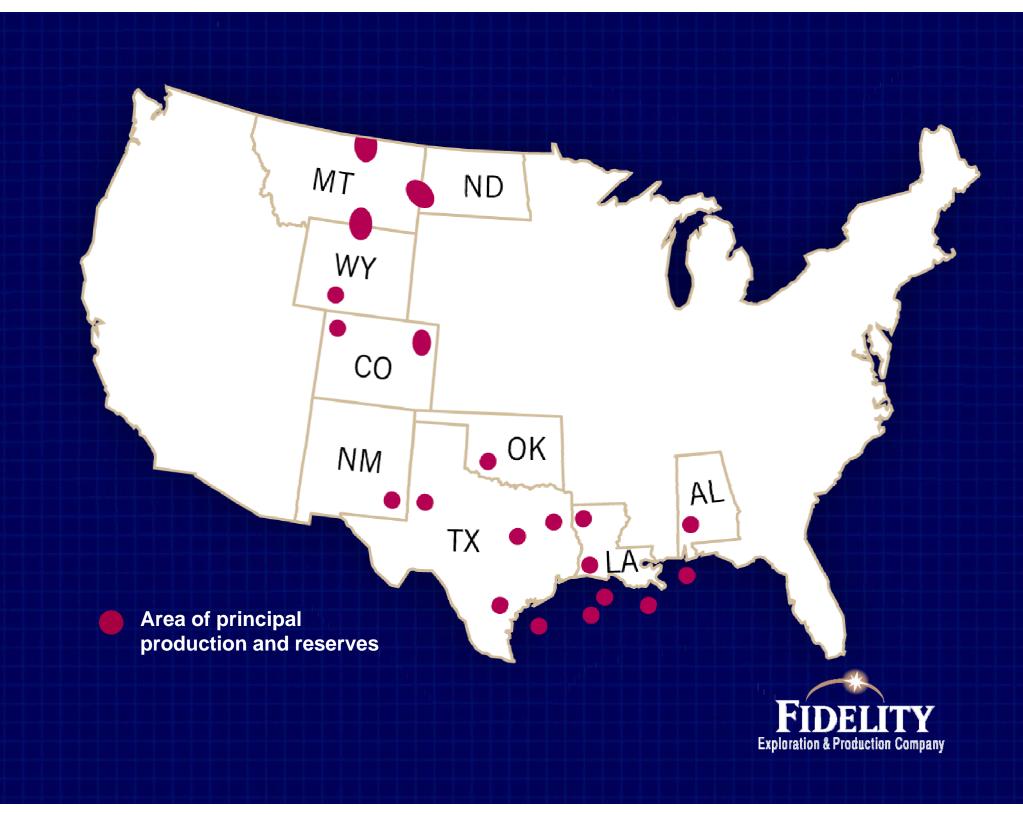
Fidelity Exploration and Production Company is the largest gas producer in the State of Montana. Its gas production comes from three main areas:

- Bowdoin Dome in North Central Montana.
- Coalbed natural gas in the Powder River Basin.
- Cedar Creek Anticline in Southeastern Montana.

Fidelity has increased its production in the Cedar Creek Anticline from 5 mmfcd to 68 mmcfd in the last 10 years. Drilling, completion, and operation techniques have improved these shallow dry gas wells over the course of the past 10 years, and Dennis Zander; Area Operations Manager for the Northern Rockies Asset Team of Fidelity, touches on the success and failures of this production increase.





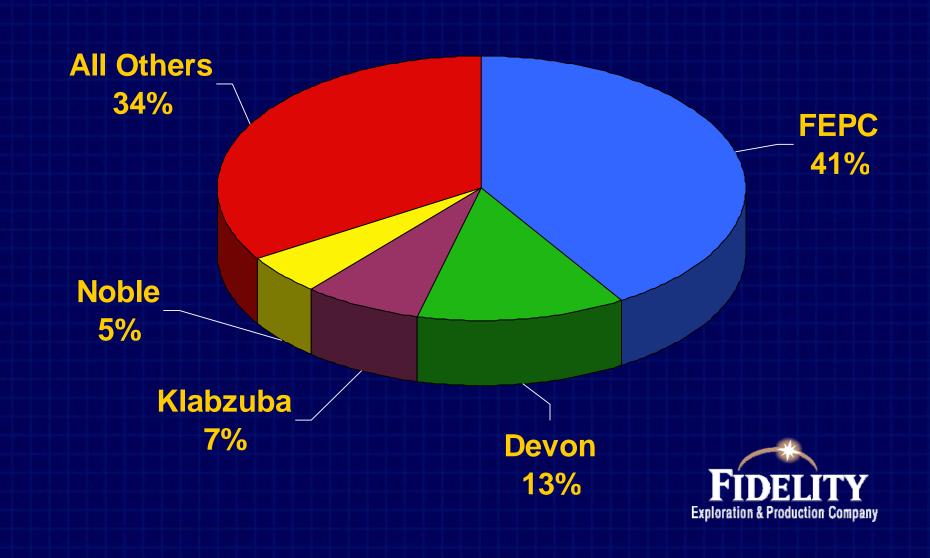




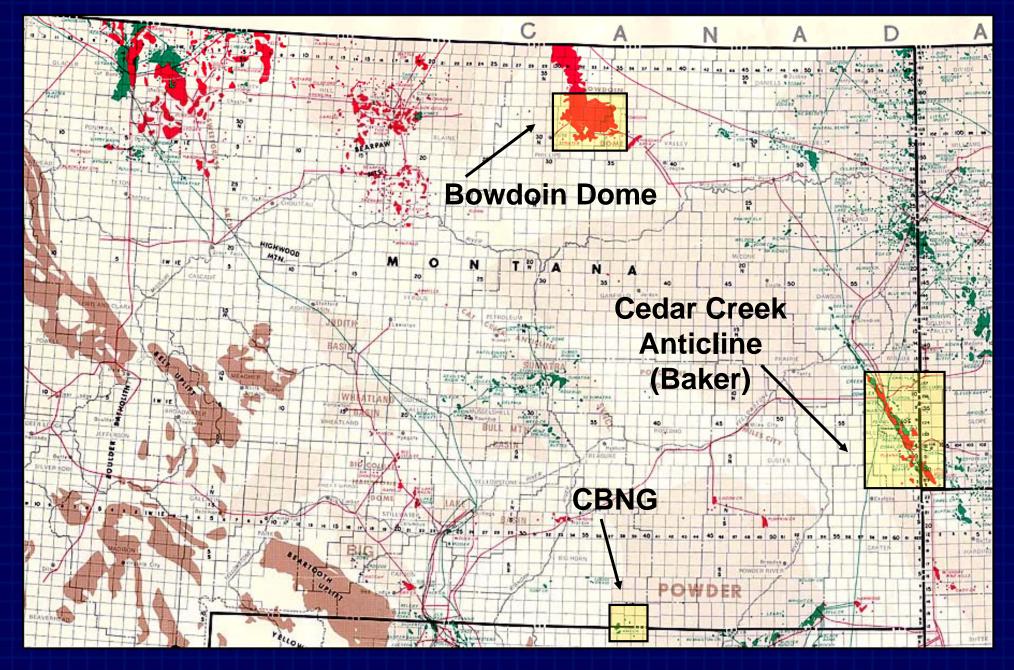
- Fidelity produced an average of 137.8 MMCFD gross from Montana properties in 2007
- Production today has increased to a current level of 142.0 MMCFD



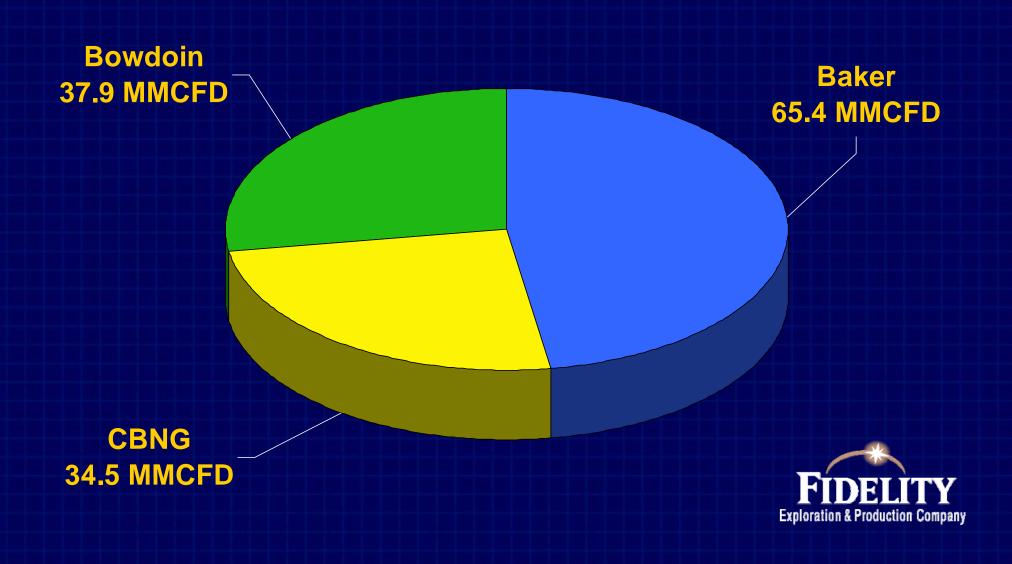
# **Top Montana Gas Producers 2006**



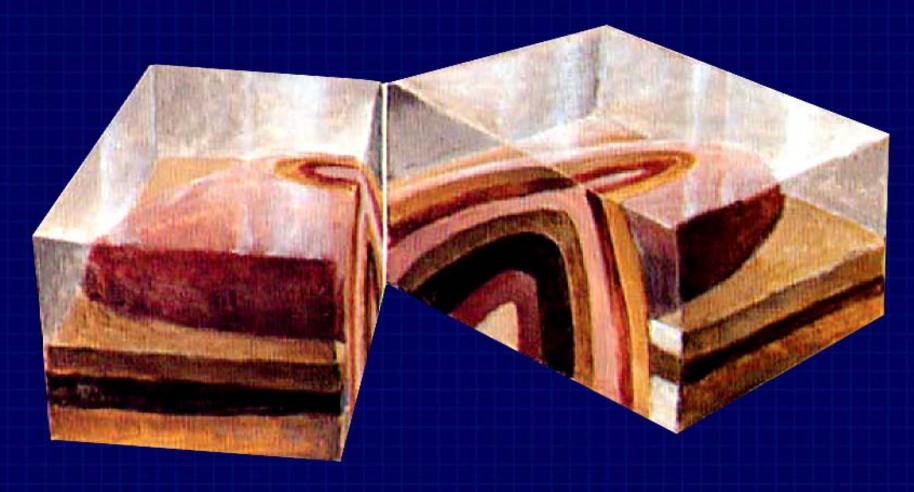
# Oil & Gas Map of Montana



# Fidelity-Operated Production in Montana for 2007



# **Cedar Creek Anticline**



Geologic structure extending 120 miles in length along the southeastern edge of the Williston Basin



# **Gas Production**

# Biogenic Gas

Produced from the shallower, Cretaceous- age formations

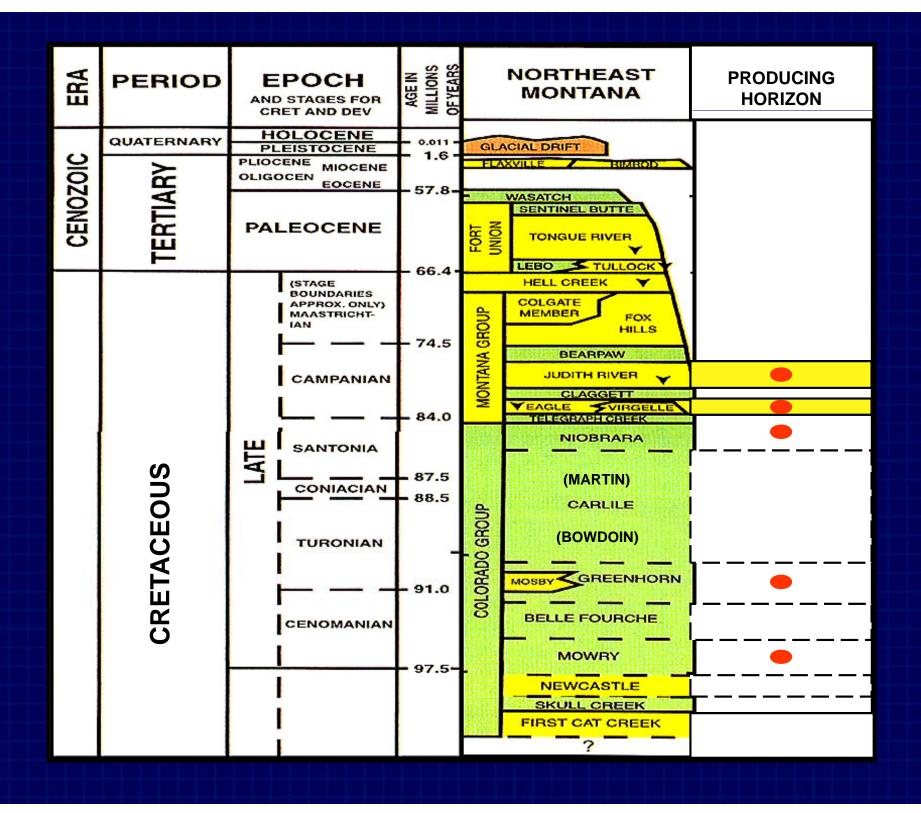
### Judith River Formation

- Found at a depth of approximately 800 feet
- Produced <u>105 BCF</u> of gas before conversion to a gas storage reservoir

# Eagle Formation

- Found at a depths between 1,200 to 1,800 feet
- Produced <u>197 BCF</u> to date and is the target of our current development program





# Baker, North Eagle Unit Cedar Creek Unit 8A **Cedar Creek Unit 8B** (Eagle & Judith River)

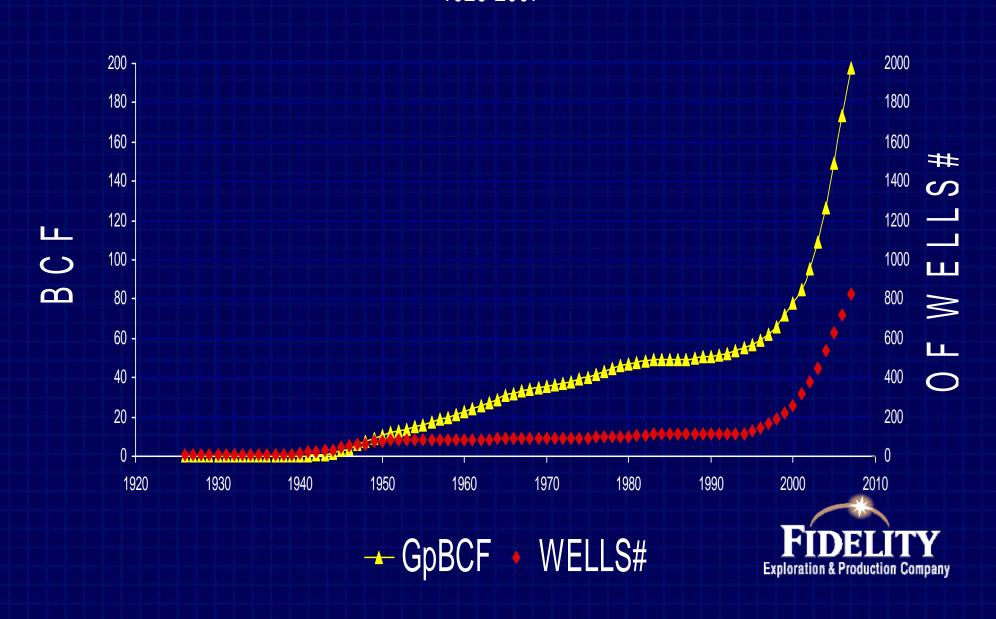
# Baker Field Map



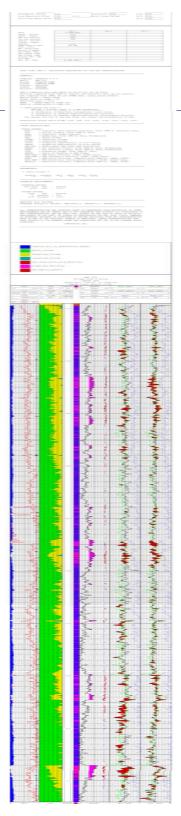
# **Baker Field**

- Shallow gas on the Cedar Creek Anticline discovered in 1915
- 1st produced gas from Judith River Formation; now a gas storage reservoir owned & operated by Williston Basin
- Fidelity produces gas from 850 wells in the Eagle Formation
- Eagle Formation: shallow (~1,500'), thick (300' to 500') reservoir
- Very shaly sandstone reservoir; hence, very low permeability

# BAKER FIELD EAGLE PRODUCTION 1926-2007



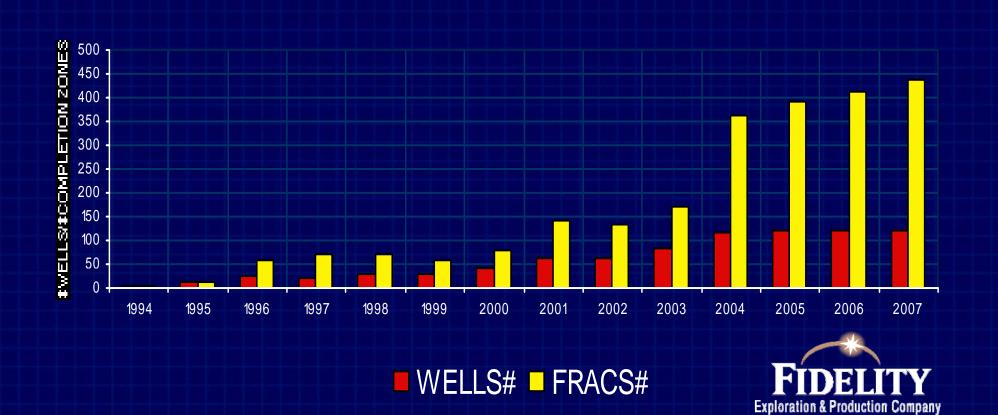
- Capture Fit to
  Theoretical Model
- Shale Volume
- Sandstone Volume
- Limestone Volume
- Gas Indication from Near/Far
- Sigma Gas/Res Flag
- Gas/Matrix Effect



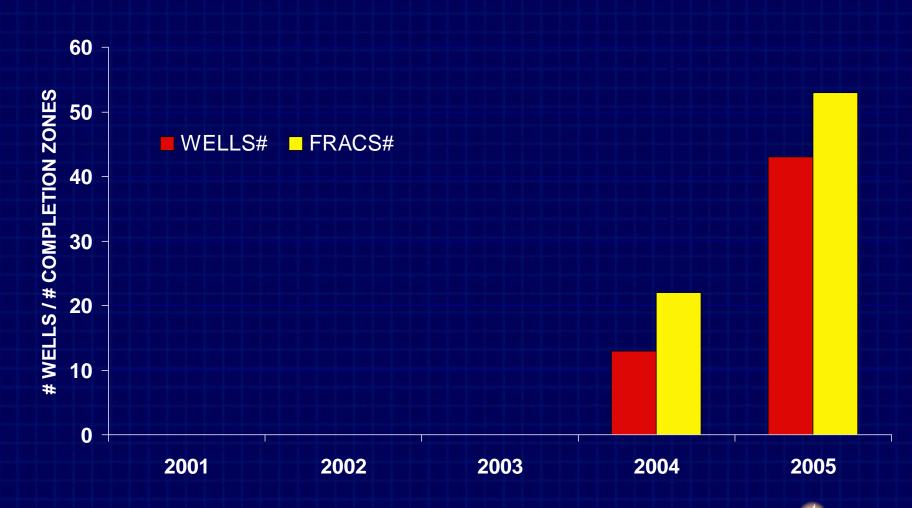
# CASED HOLE POROSITY LOG



# BAKER #WELLS vs #COMPLETION ZONES



# Baker # Wells vs. # Recompletion Zones



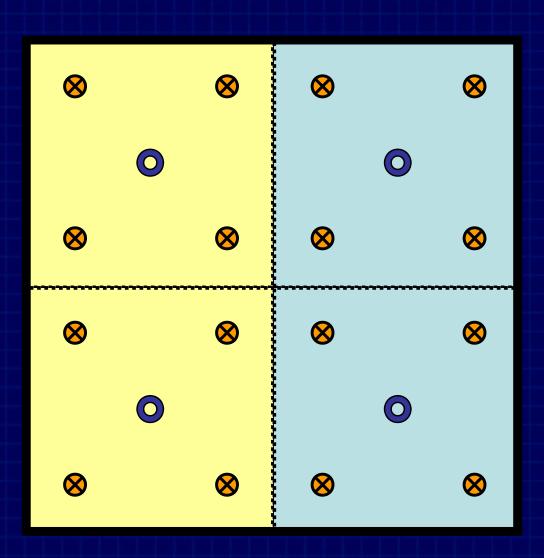


# **Baker Field**

- Field developed on 320-acre spacing per 1961
   Order
- 2nd well per 320 allowed per 1997 Order
- Spacing waived in Baker North Eagle Unit in 1994
- Spacing waived in Unit 8A & Unit 8B in 2001
- Order to allow up to 10 wells per 320 on non-Unit lands granted in 2003
- Spacing waived in Unit 8B in North Dakota in 2005



# Increased Density Well Pattern

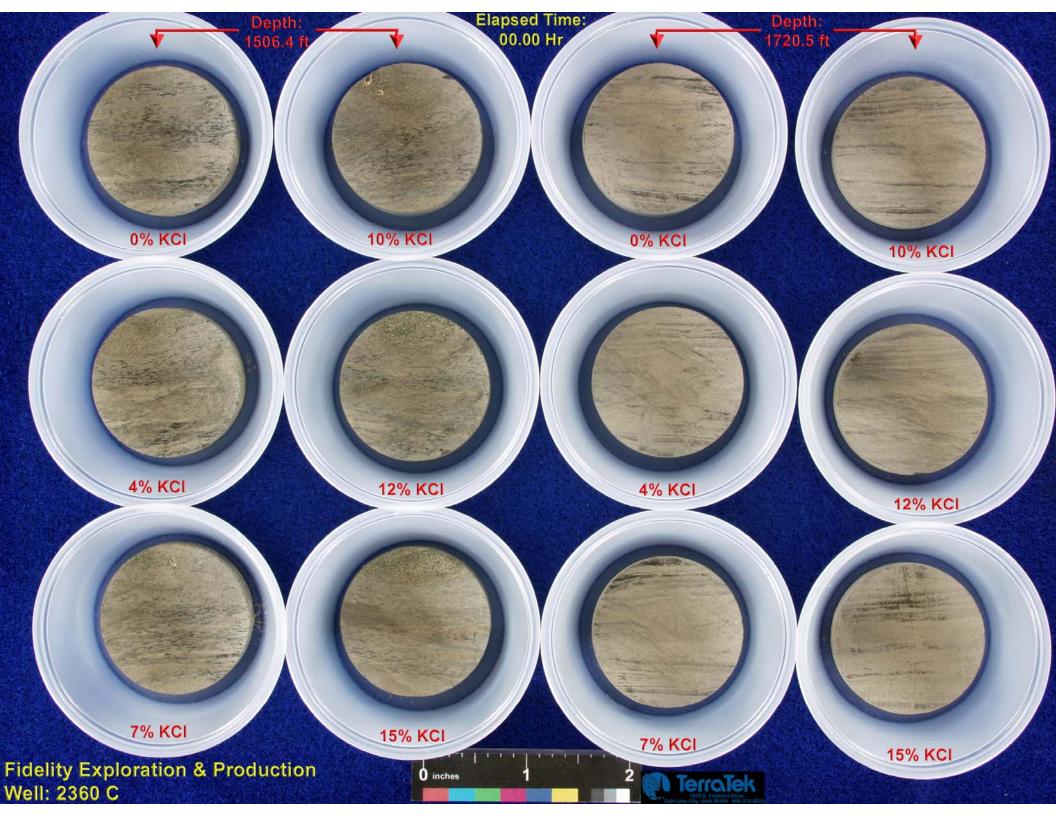


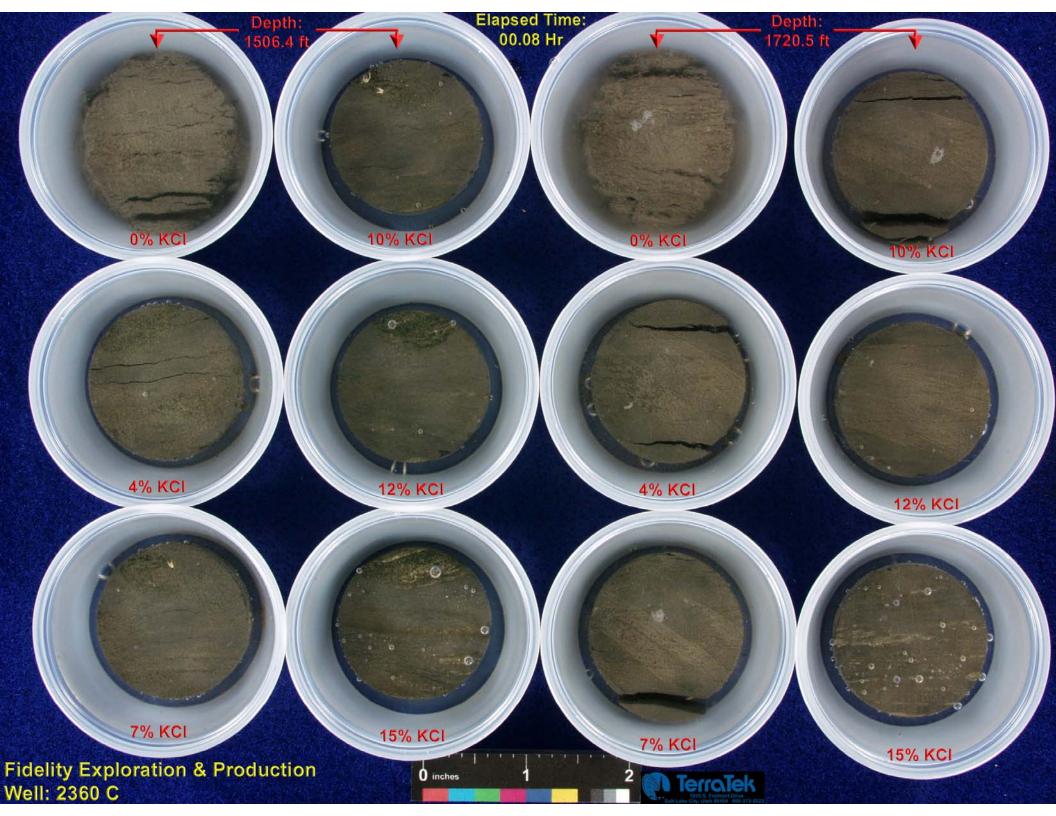
Governmental Section (640 AC) Non Unitized Lands	
	W/2 320 Acre Spacing Unit
	E/2 320 Acre Spacing Unit
0	Existing 2 Wells/320 Acre Spacing Unit
8	Increased Density Well Locations

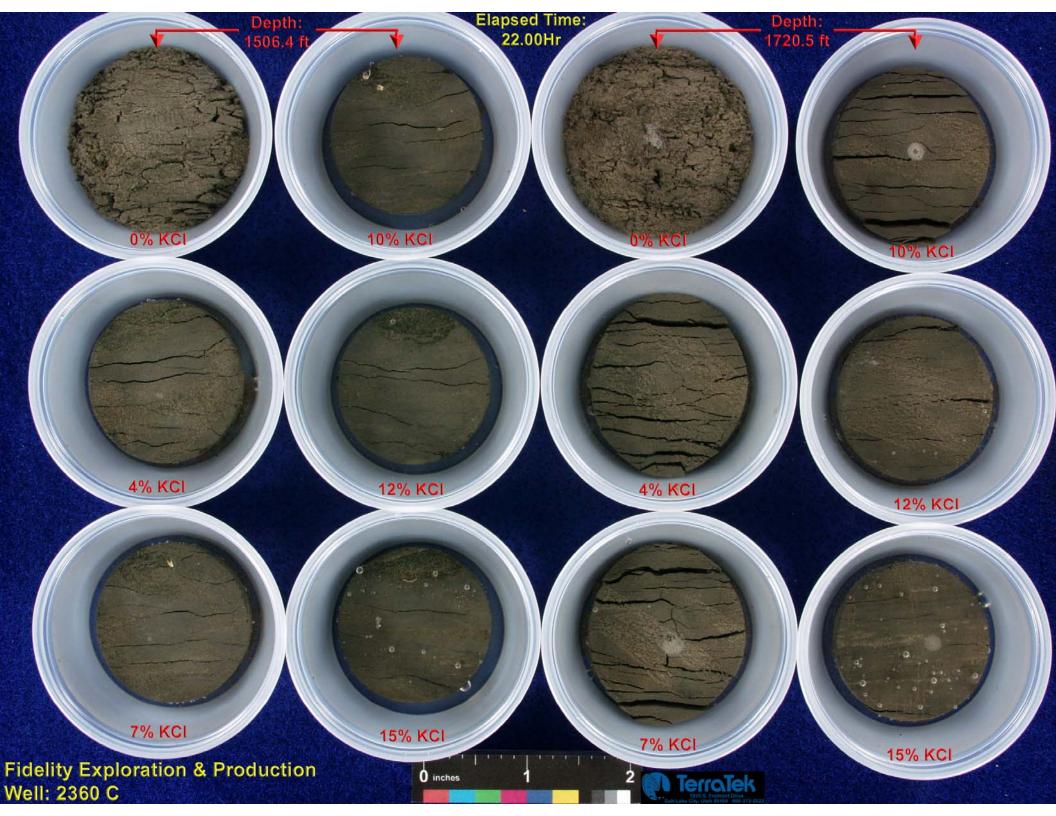


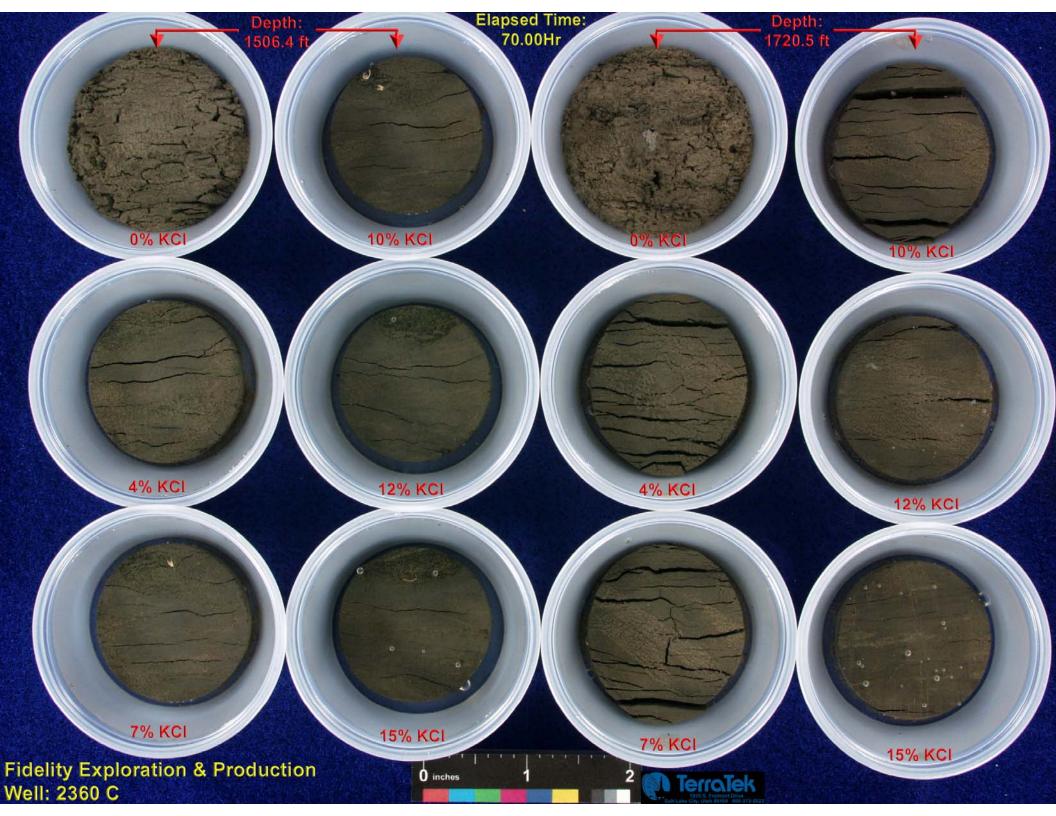












# KCL PILOT TEST

- FRAC 5 WELLS KCL BASED N<sub>2</sub> FOAM
- FRAC OFFSETS FRESHWATER N<sub>2</sub> FOAM
- AVG. INCREASE 30 MCFPD/WELL
- AVG. RATE INCREASE 21 %
- AVG. EUR INCREASE 97 MMCF/WELL
- AVERAGE EUR INCREASE 34%



# **Baker Field Production**







