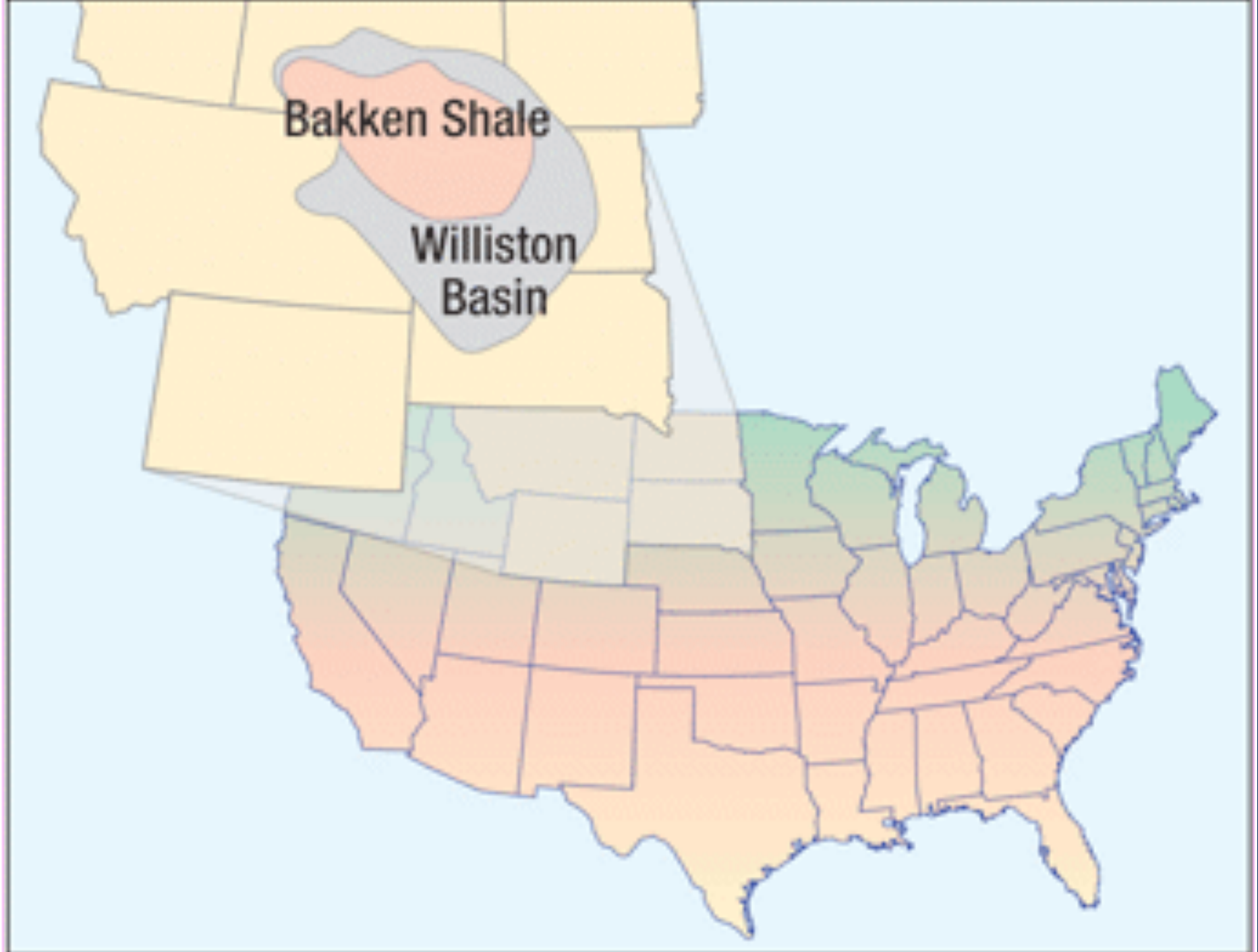
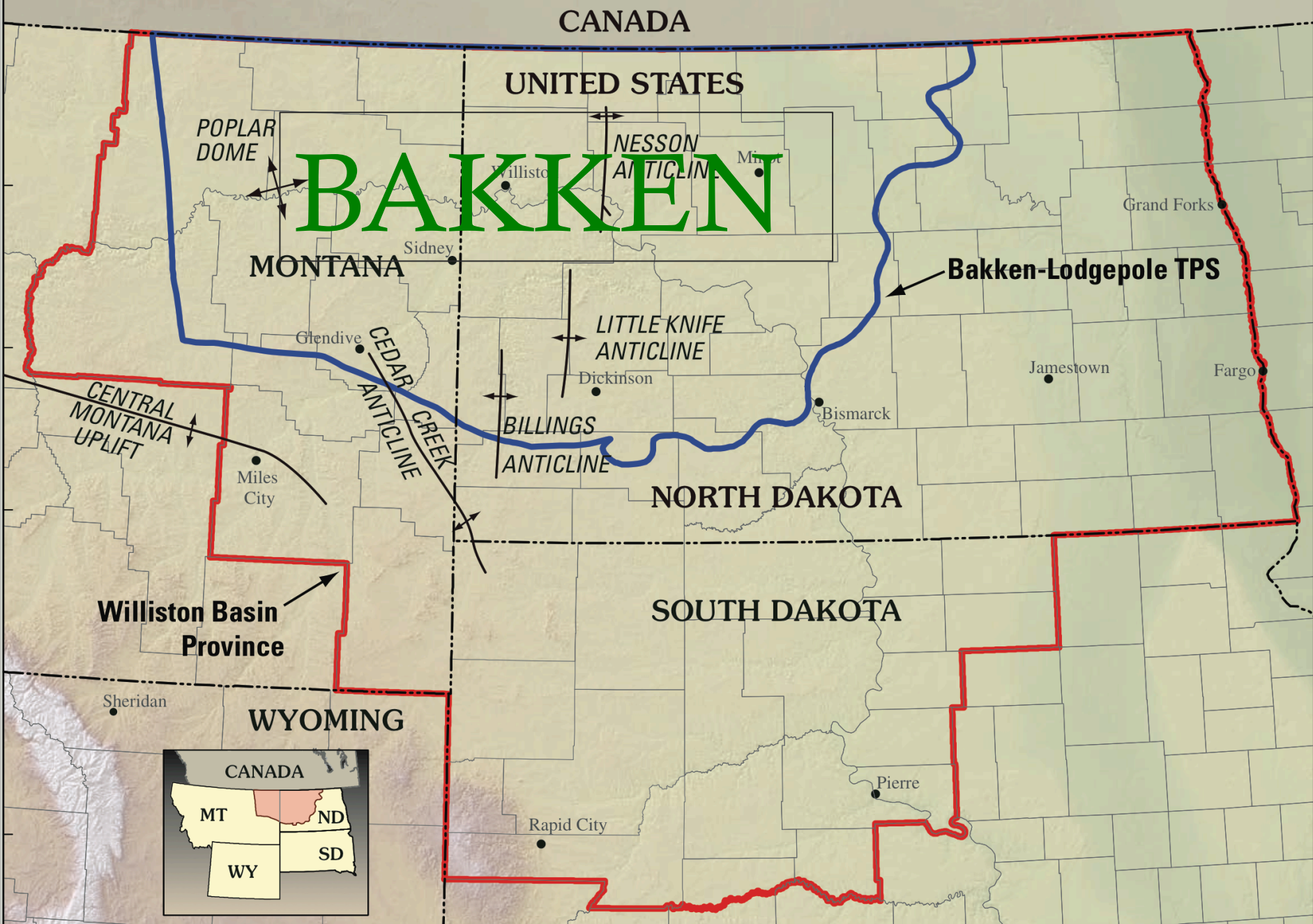






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UNITED STATES

**BAKKEN**

POPLAR  
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**Bakken-Lodgepole TPS**

LITTLE KNIFE  
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BILLINGS  
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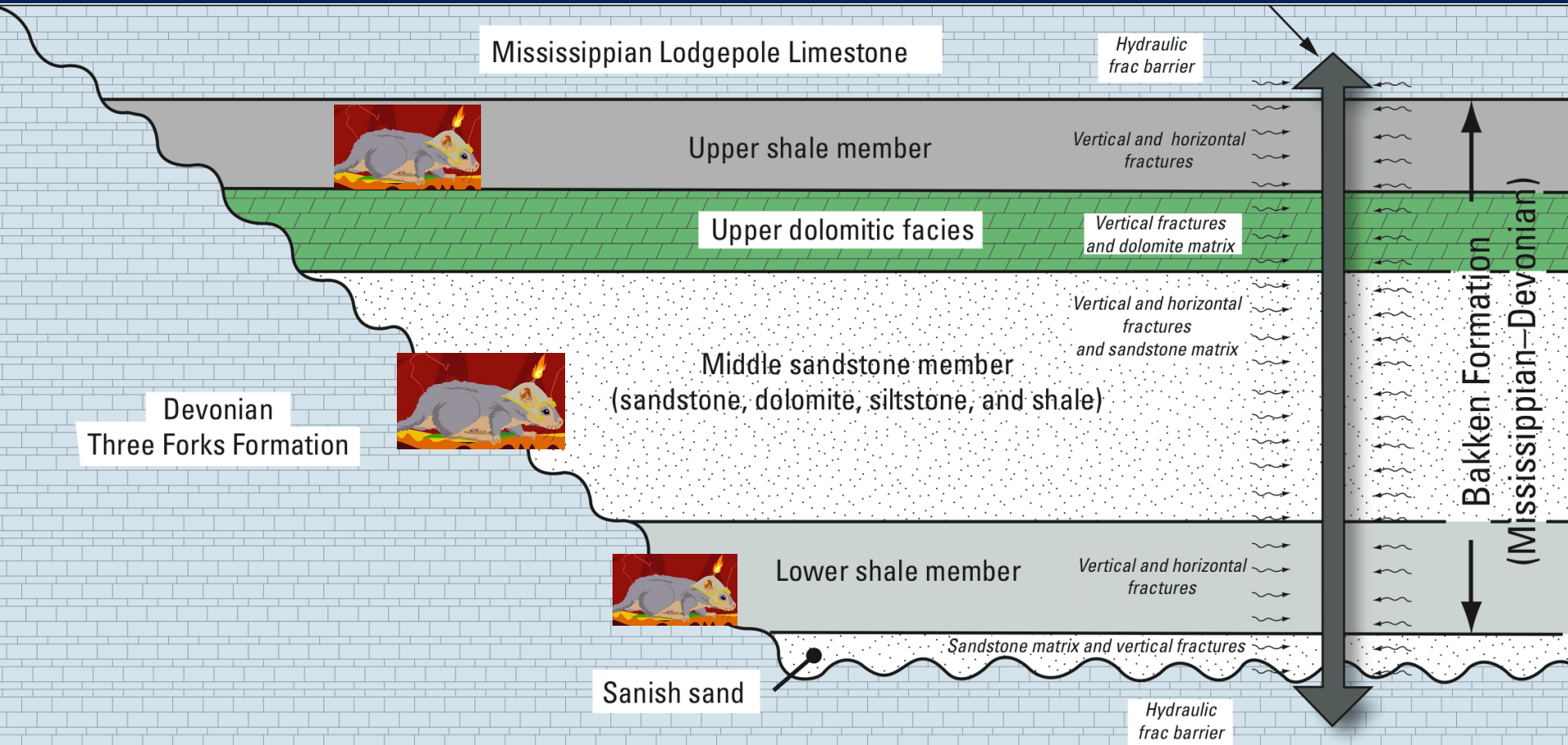
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**Williston Basin  
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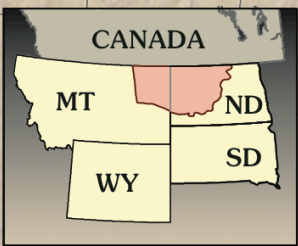
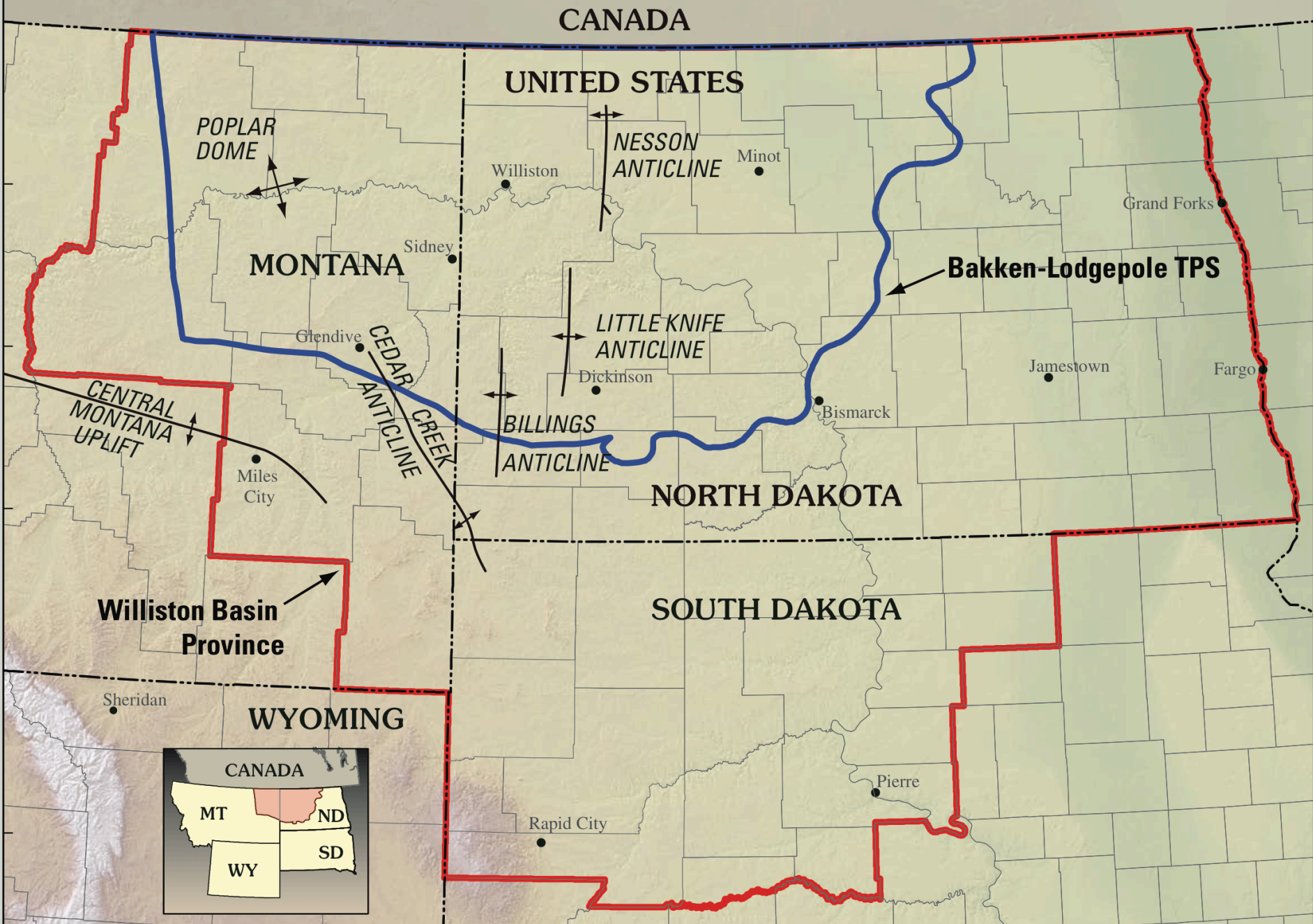


0 50 Miles

# 3 Members Comprise Bakken







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But... Sweet Spots

# Bakken Shale Production 1985-2010 Williston Basin, ND & MT

Canada

2010

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— Bakken Depositional Limit

Miles

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Vertical well Tests  
Elm Coulee Field

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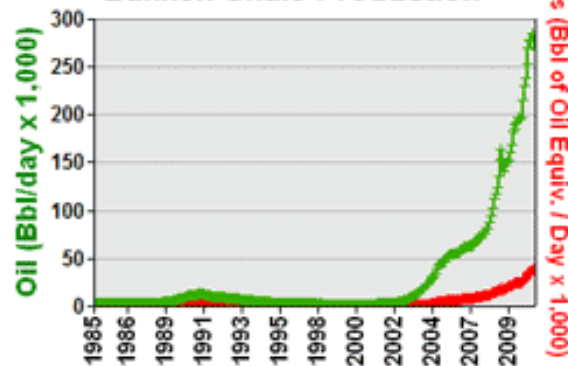
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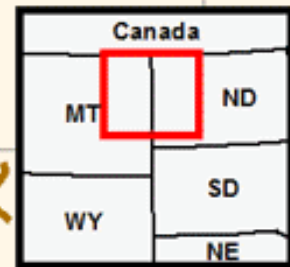
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## Bakken Shale Production



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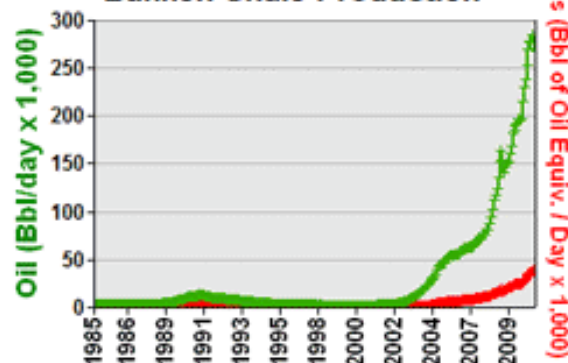
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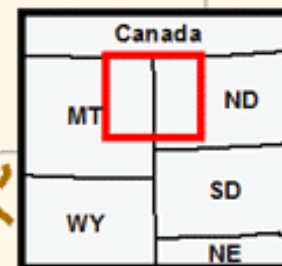
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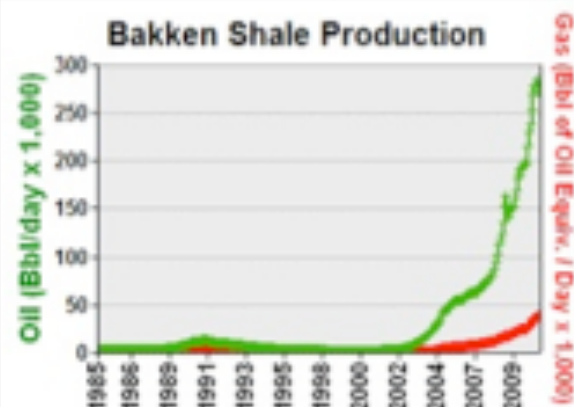
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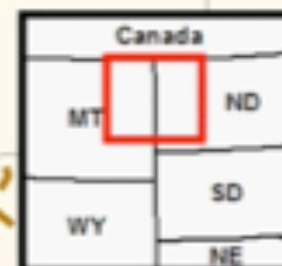
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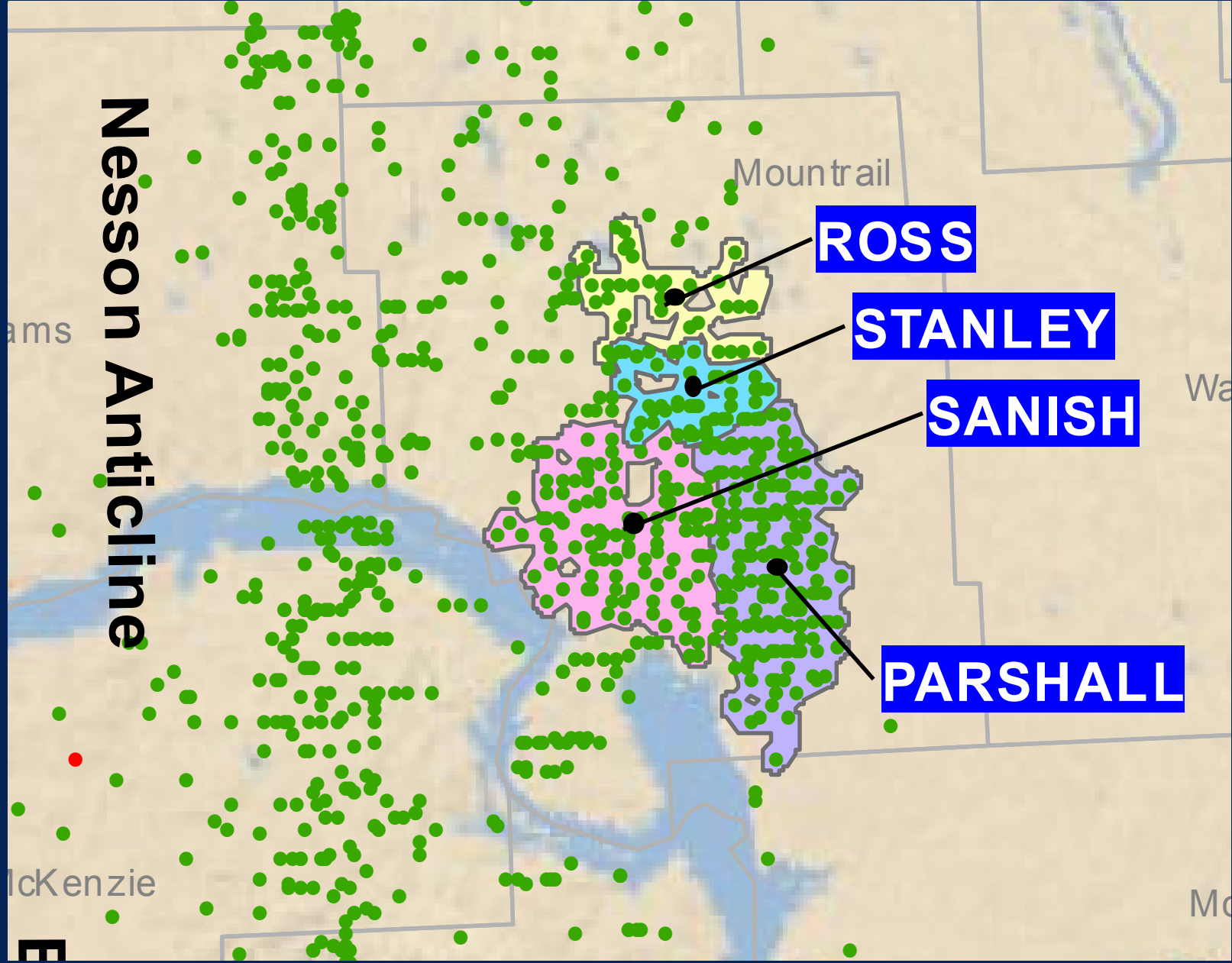
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# Mountrail County





*The Parshall Promoters  
Welcome You To*

**Parshall**



*The World Famous  
Paul Broste  
Rock Museum*





Two miles west of Parshall – not  
an oil rig in sight....





Three miles West of Parshall –  
first grasshopper





Then the oil rigs came faster than you could snap the pictures – dozens and hundreds





New Town: one of the many  
fracking facilities





# Downtown New Town





New Town: Standard apartment  
Living





Typical street corner scene





Typical scene ...





# Mobile Drilling Rig





Looks like a sweet spot to me...

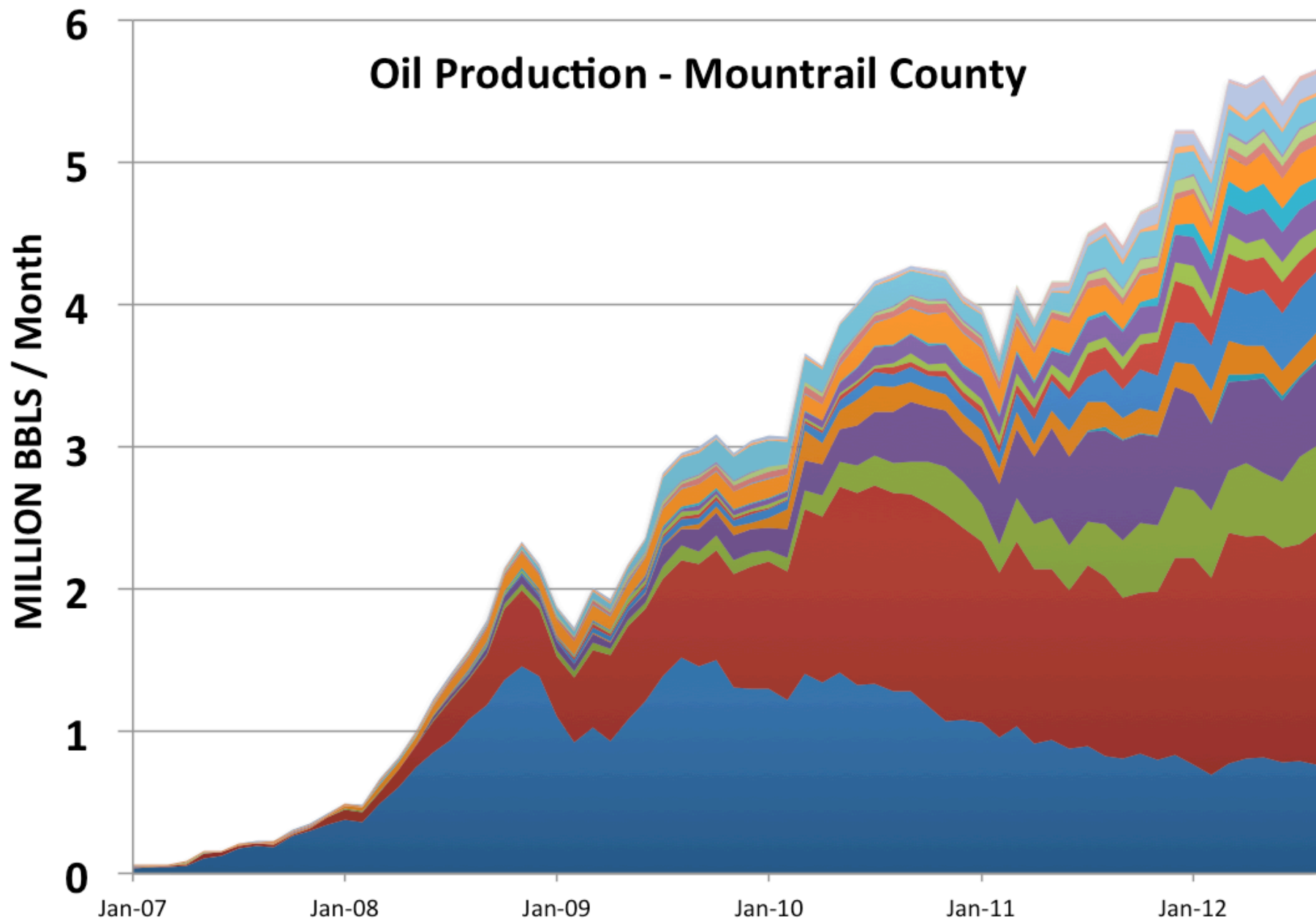




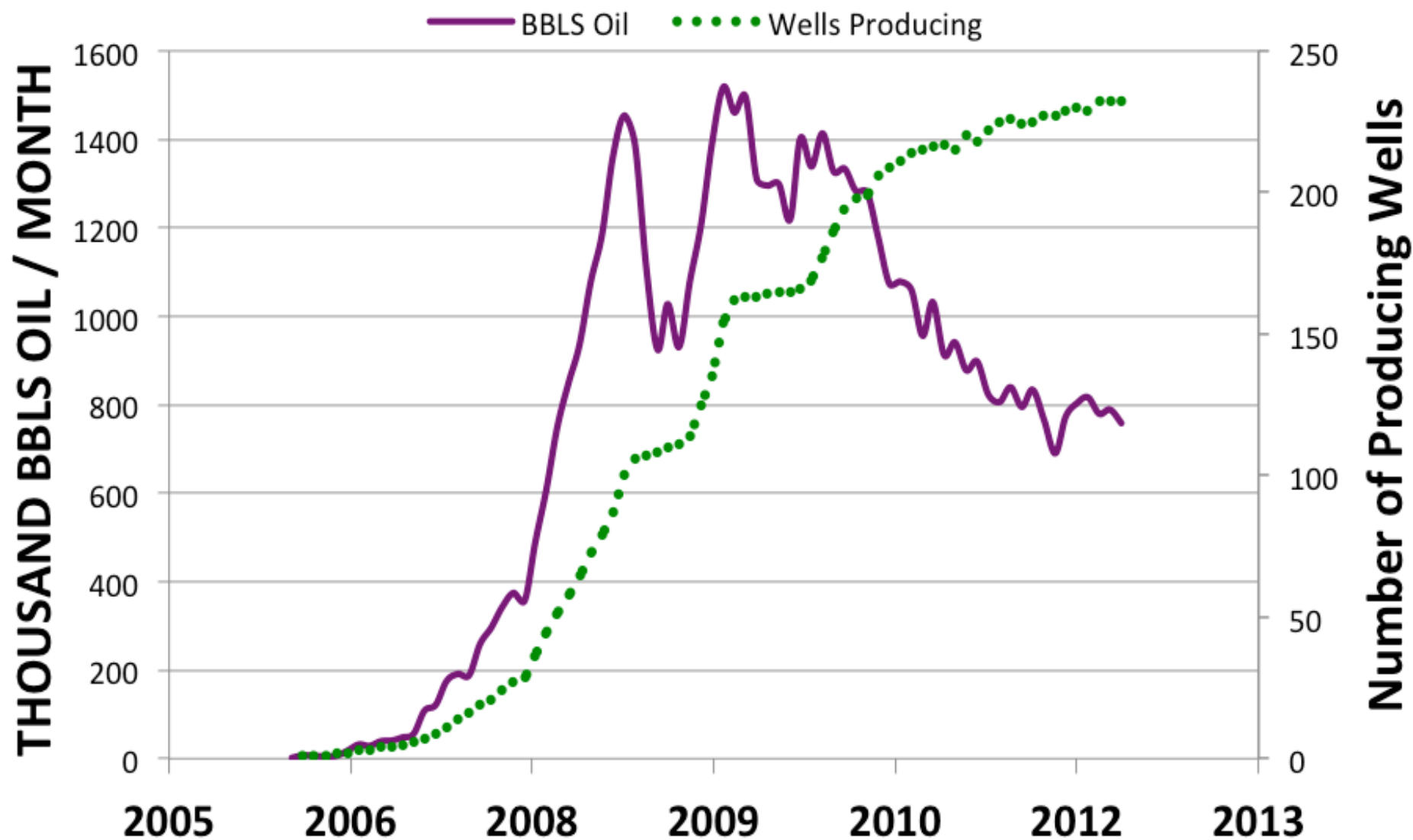
Before long...no more visible oil  
activity



## Oil Production - Mountrail County



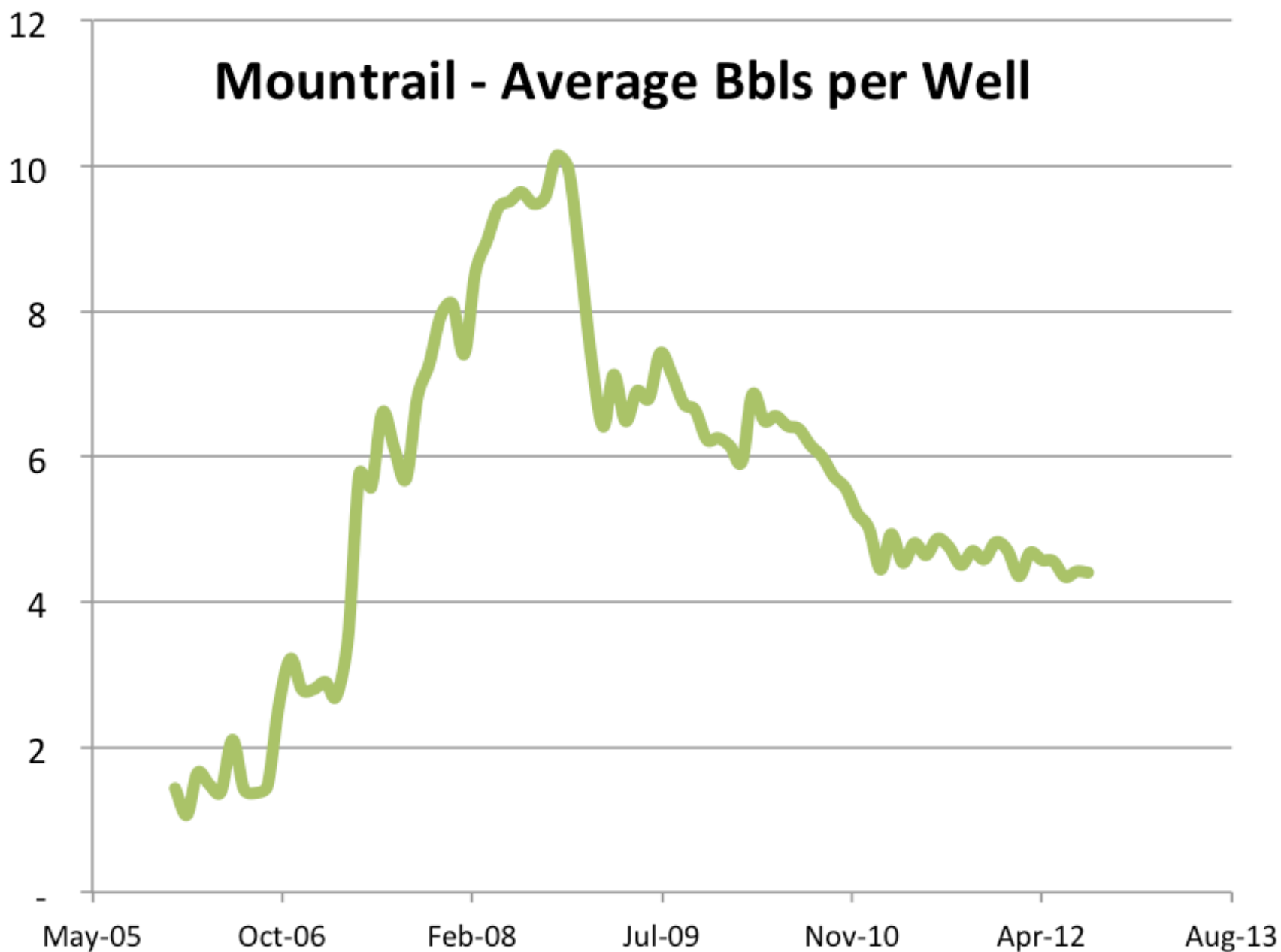
# Parshall - Mountrail Co.





## Mountrail - Average Bbls per Well

THOUSAND BBLS OIL / MONTH

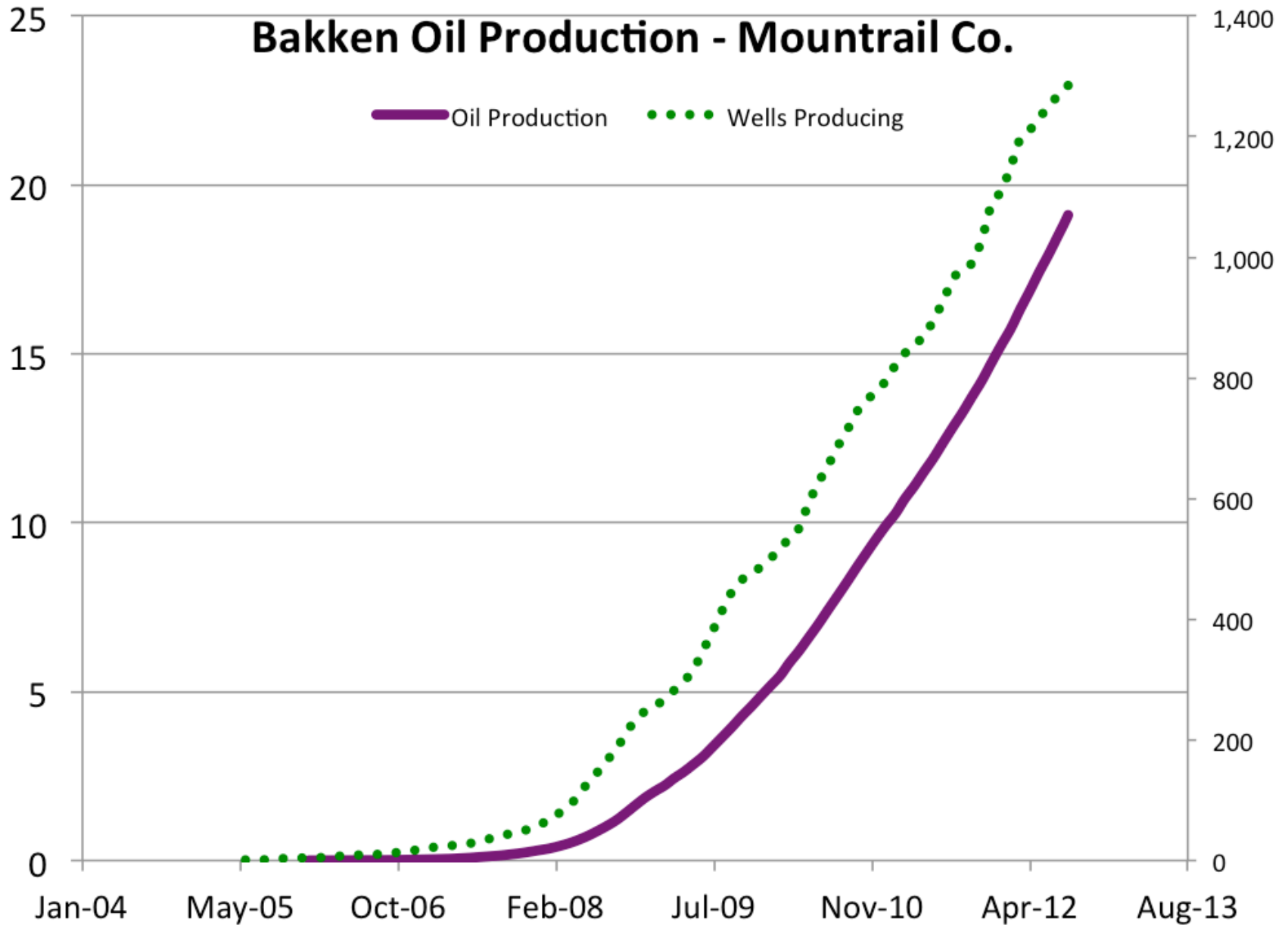


# Bakken Oil Production - Mountrail Co.

100K BBLs OIL / MONTH

Oil Production Wells Producing

Number of Wells Producing





# Preliminary EROI Mountrail County

$$\text{EROI} = \frac{\text{Energy Delivered to Society [Eout]}}{\text{Energy Put into that Activity [Ein]}}$$

# Energy [out]=

EUR x Energy in a Bbl Oil

- EUR = 405 Million BBLS Estimated Ultimately Recoverable



# Energy [in]

- Number of wells producing
- Cost per well
- Dollars converted using energy equivalents to Joules

$$\text{EROI} = 12.9 : 1$$

Assumptions...

Conservative Estimate:

- Doubling wells halves EROI



Thus none of these new fields are important relative to conventional reserves. They are useful but not game changers at all.

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