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Gulf Coast Western to begin drilling horizontal wells in Wilson County

Dallas-based oil and gas company Gulf Coast Western LLC says it has leased 3,500 acres in Wilson County, southeast of San Antonio, with plans to drill 10 horizontal wells.

The company initially will drill the wells into the revitalized Buda Limestone Formation, located just below the Eagle Ford Shale. Drilling will commence in the first quarter. The company will develop the acreage through 2014.

“We believe there is tremendous opportunity in this play, given the fact that it is a proven trend and there is not the need to incur the high cost of fractionating the wells as is necessary in the Eagle Ford,” Gulf Coast Western CEO

Matthew H. Fleeger said in a written statement.

Existing horizontal wells in the area are producing at rates of up to 1,500 barrels of oil per day, Fleeger adds.

Gulf Coast will use Kaler Energy Corp. of San Antonio as operator for its Wilson County acreage.

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