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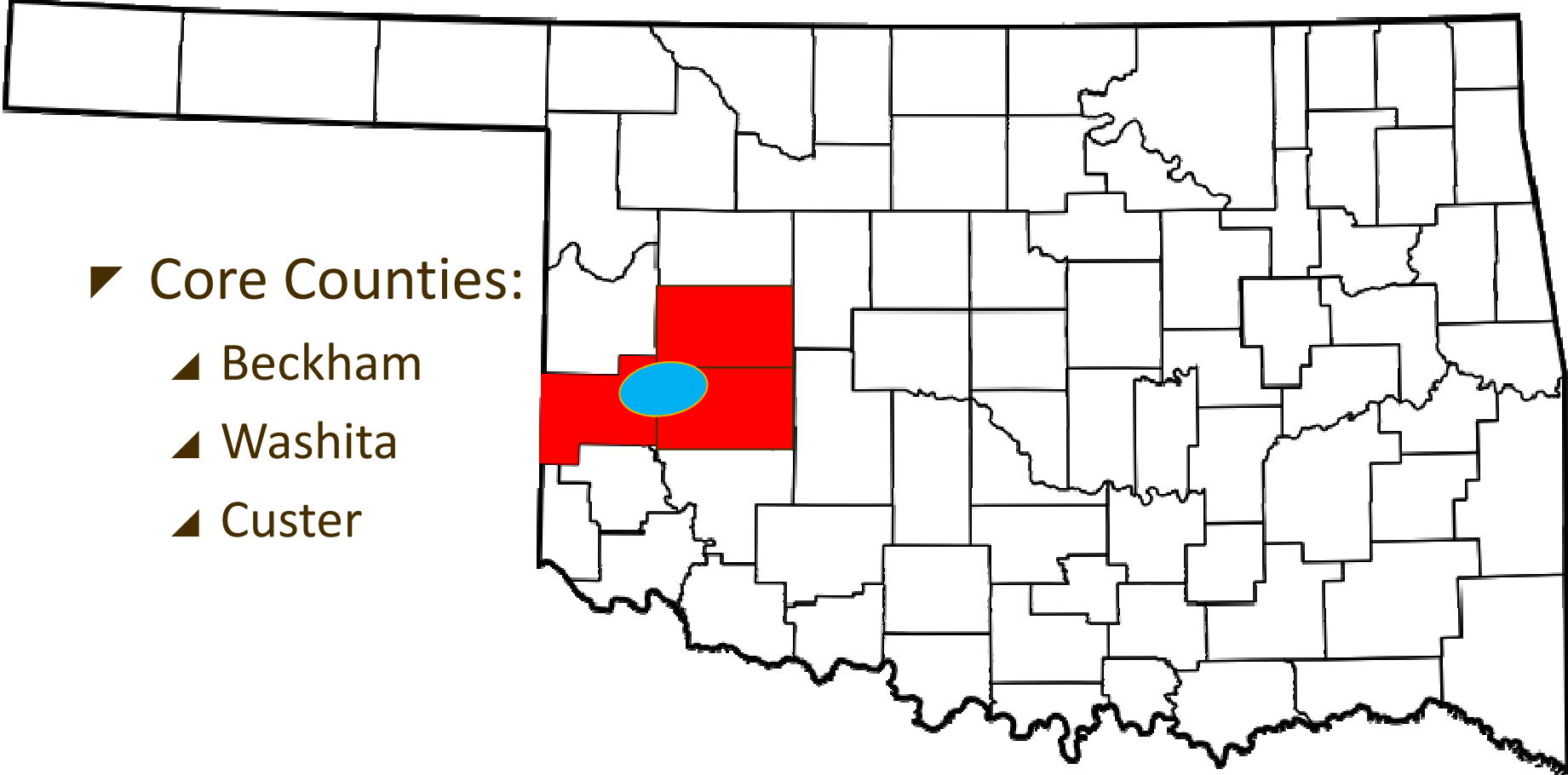
# HOGSHOOTER WASH

2012 AADE MID-CONTINENT  
TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

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# REGION



► Core Counties:

- ▲ Beckham
- ▲ Washita
- ▲ Custer

# REGION CLOSE-UP

Roger Mills

Custer

WASHITA

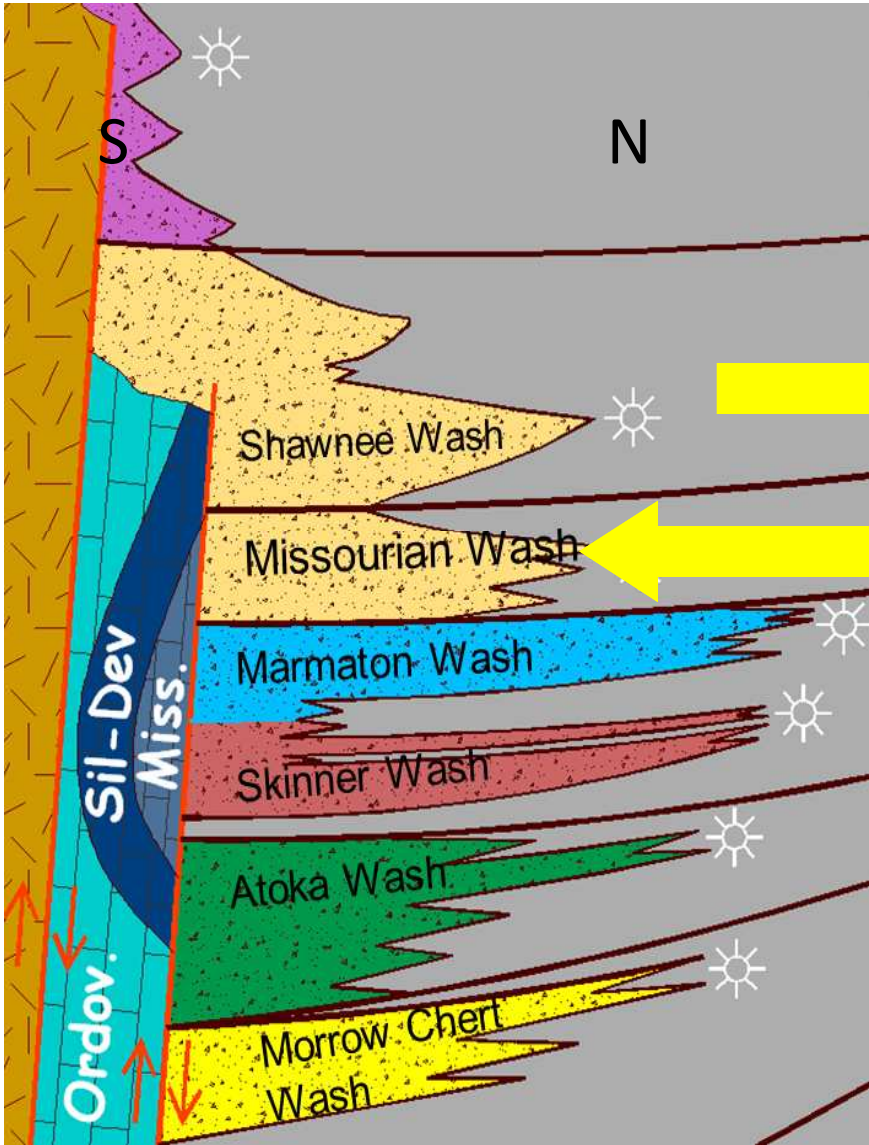
BECKHAM

- Hogshooter
- Shawnee
- Granite Wash

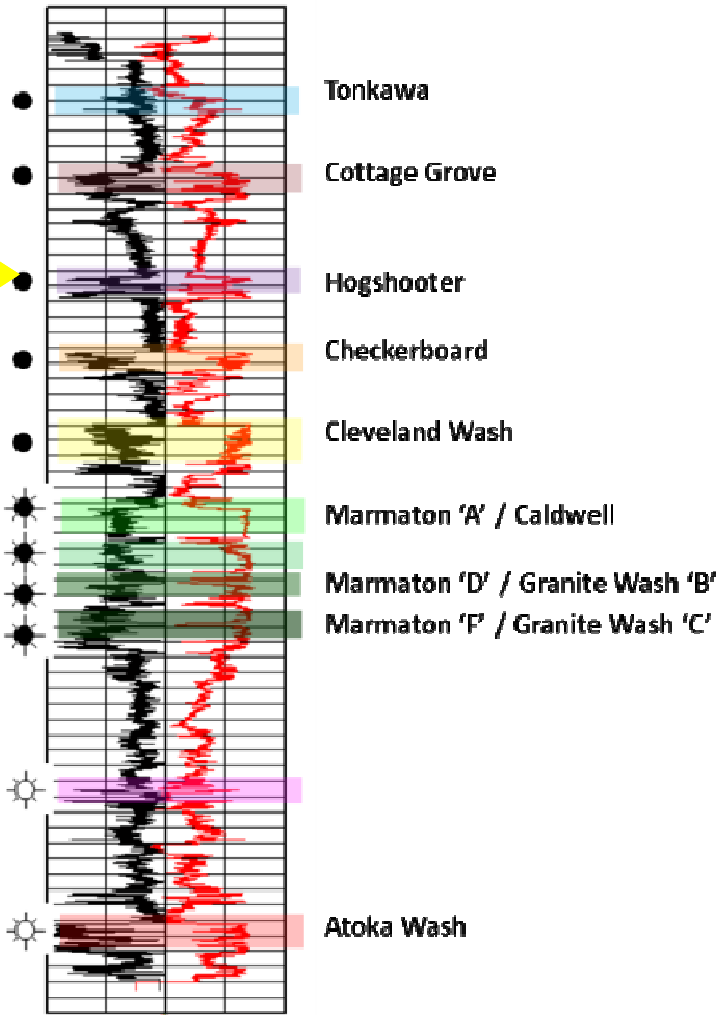




# REGIONAL GEOLOGIC SETTING



APACHE CORPORATION  
ELK CITY  
1-23  
8/24/2008



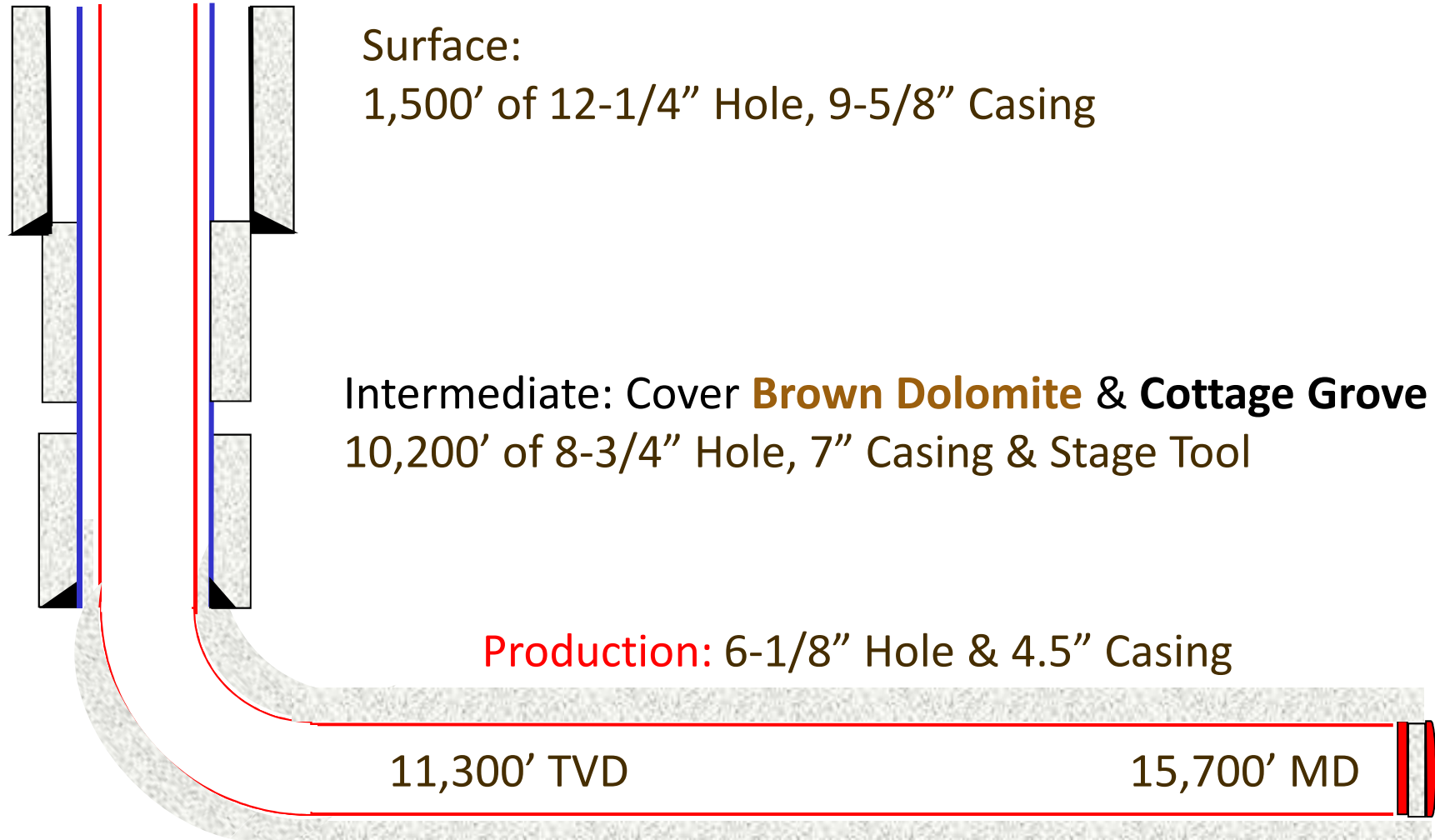
## PLAY TIME LINE

- ▶ Hogshooter is Nuisance Zone for Deep Wells
- ▶ Q2 2010 Apache Spuds First Two Wells
  - Each have IP of 2,000 bbl & +3,000 MMCF/Day
- ▶ Frenzied Offsetting in Late 2010 & Early 2011
- ▶ 2011 Continued Mapping and Development Drilling
- ▶ 2012 ?

## WELL PLAN

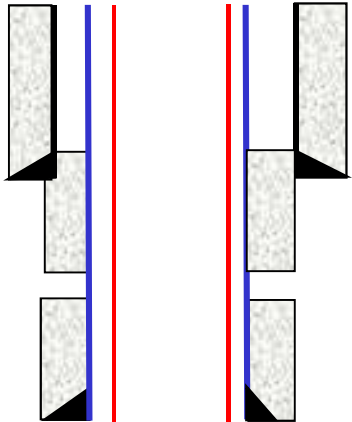
- ▶ 4 wells per section; N-S orientation.
- ▶ Ensure Legal Entry Point
  - ▲ 330' from North or South Line
  - ▲ 500' from East or West Line
- ▶ 10 DLS Curve
- ▶ Steer Lateral as needed by Geology
  - ▲ Targets every 500' with a  $\pm 10'$  window

# ORIGINAL CASING DESIGN





# DRILL-THRU CASING DESIGN



Surface: Cover Water Zones  
700' of 17.5" Hole, 13-3/8" Casing

Intermediate: Cover **Brown Dolomite**  
5,400' of 12.25" Hole, 9-5/8" Casing & Stage Tool

Cottage Grove open while drilling lateral.

**Production:** 8.75" Hole & 5.5" Casing

11,300' TVD

15,700' MD



## SURFACE HOLE

- ▶ Cover Fresh-water zones
- ▶ Takes 1 day to drill with Mill Tooth
- ▶ Spud Mud

## VERTICAL HOLE

### ► Zones of concern:

▲ Brown Dolomite at 5,000' – Losses and corrosive.

▲ Heebner at 8,900' – Deviation issue.

Case here

▲ Tonkawa at 9,500' – May kick.

▲ Cottage Grove at 10,100' – Lost circulation.

or here?

► Entering lateral, pressure profile is consistent. Vertical hole issues are primary driver to casing decisions.

## VERTICAL HOLE

- ▶ Drill with rotary pendulum assembly.
  - ▲ Drifts 150' North to Northwest by KOP.
  
- ▶ 9.0 ppg water-based mud pre-treated with LCM
  
- ▶ Typically 1 bit to reach KOP.
  - ▲ Use 5-blade PDC bit with 16mm cutters.
  - ▲ Revert to 6-blade if a trip is made.

## CURVE

- ▶ Drill with bent motor and 5-blade, 13mm PDC.
  - ▲ 1.83° bend to achieve 10 DLS
  - ▲ No significant dead-zones
- ▶ 8.9 ppg oil-based mud.
  - ▲ Fines as needed.
- ▶ Typically 1 bit and 2.5 days.

# LATERAL

- ▶ Drill with motor and neutral BHA.
  - ▲ RSS once comfortable with bits in an area.
  
- ▶ 8.9 ppg oil-based mud.
  - ▲ Fines as needed.
  
- ▶ Variability in lateral ROP
  - ▲ 6 and 7-blade PDCs with 13mm preferred.
  - ▲ More aggressive gives higher instantaneous ROP. Worth it?
  - ▲ Diamond impreg bit and turbine?

## LATERAL & GEO-STEERING

- ▶ Compromise between geology and casing run.
- ▶ Targets every 500' and use a  $\pm 10'$  window.
- ▶ Bit walks more than in the deeper washes.

# CASING DESIGN BENEFITS & RISKS

- ▶ Drill-through can be done successfully.
- ▶ Should drill-through be standard practice?
  - ▲ Can you live with 4.5” production casing?
  - ▲ Would you rather spend \$700K on casing or lost mud?
- ▶ What about the one train-wreck?



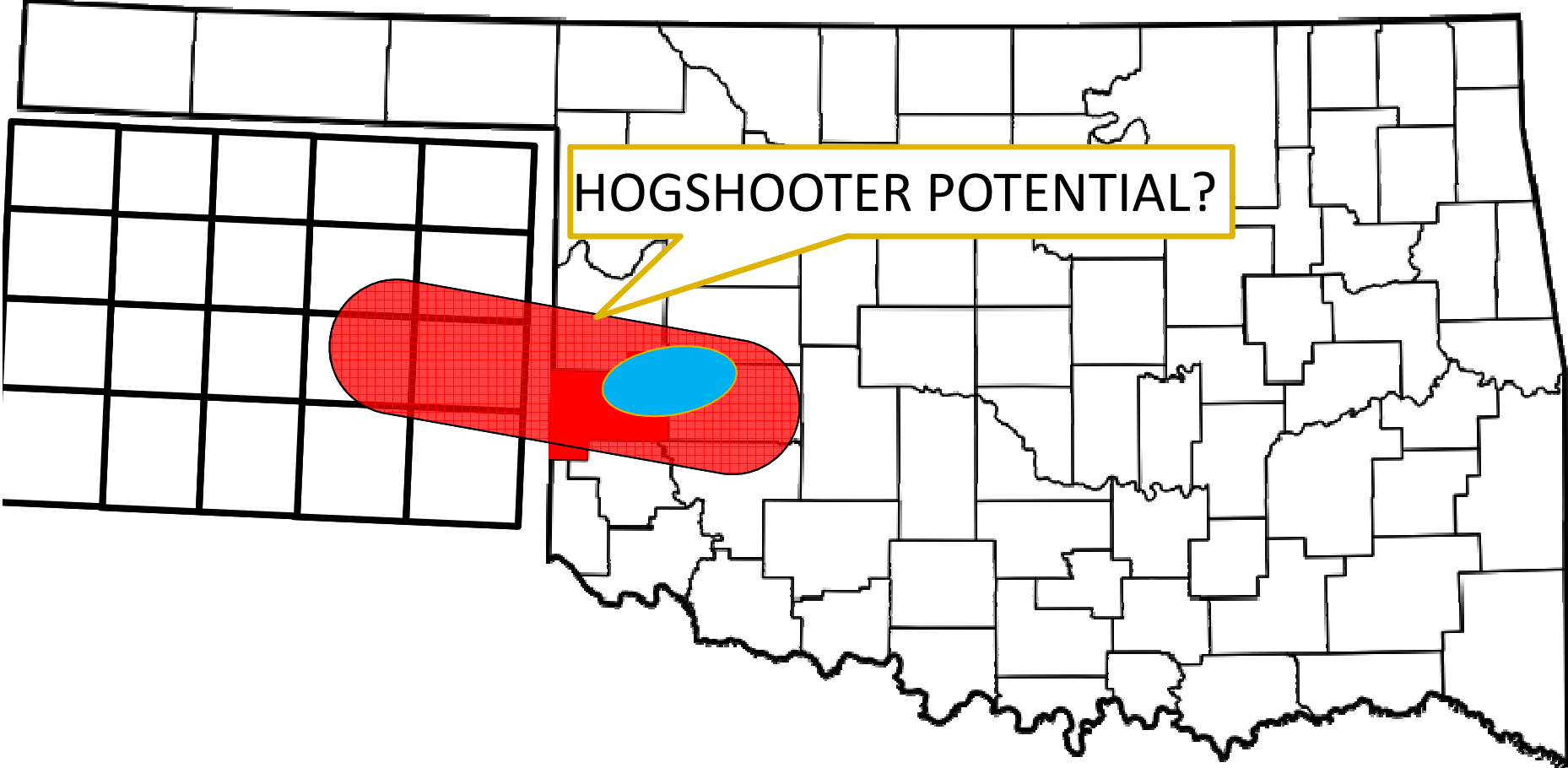
## PROBLEMS SEEN

- Do all geologists want to be in the same rock?
  - ▲ Rigs across the street drill entirely different: Pyrite streaks, losses, stuck pipe, and geologic side-tracks.
  - ▲ Differences due to geology or geologist?
  
- Our pendulum assembly much slower than offset.
  
- Bit strategy.
  
- Fracture initiation pressures higher than expected.

## APACHE GO-FORWARD PLAN

- ▶ Continue to map and assess acreage.
- ▶ No drill-through. Too much risk, too little gain.
  - ▲ Set 1,500' of 9-5/8" surface and set 7" at KOP.
  - ▲ 6-1/8" lateral and 4.5" production casing.
- ▶ Performance motor in vertical pendulum.
- ▶ Lighten production cement, but **NO FLARE!**

# EXTENT OF FIELD?



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