

Solid data and clean graphics: Mapmakers' winning combination for oil & gas maps

A glance at a Mapmakers Alaska oil and gas map gives the viewer an instant overview of the state of affairs in the oil patch. Further examination pinpoints the detailed ownership of a lease, the location of a new exploration well, or the spider web of bottom hole well locations drilled from a single well pad.

The accuracy of these maps is backed by data acquired from a multitude of sources and integrated into their "GIS-Alaska Oil & Gas" package or any of its regional components.

This small, highly specialized company operates from their office in historic downtown Palmer, 40 miles northeast of Anchorage. "Palmer was a tent city in 1935 when President Roosevelt's New Deal established a farming colony of 200 families who came from the mid-west," according to owner Brit Lively. "Our little building was constructed 12 years later with the first locally-produced concrete blocks."

Staff at Mapmakers Alaska stay on top of oil and gas related issues in Alaska, from the long-time "Opening Up ANWR" topic, to year-by-year transportation plans, exploration well permitting activity and ongoing lease sales.

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current lease ownership percentages, finding a previous well location on that lease, check for the presence of an Alaska Native allotment, or examine subsurface land status when planning to bid at a lease sale.

Having ready access to surface ownership of a parcel on the Kenai Peninsula or

"We know where to find the components, use those that are relevant, and put them in order. Then, we make everything look nice and keep it up to date. Consistently."

—Brit Lively, Owner, Mapmakers Alaska

in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough helps with easement acquisition or finding a location for plant and storage facilities. Wetlands, anadromous stream and surface cover data are must-haves for producing environmental assessments.

Mapmakers Alaska furnishes their subscribers with ready-made map projects containing all the essentials for a cartographer to make a quick map, a land man to analyze a lease position, or a geologist to "drill" into well history in fields and pools.

They have a long track record of having made custom maps of oil and gas activity in Alaska for board rooms from East Coast financial centers to industry headquarters everywhere. By illustrating Alaska's oil picture in annual reports, national and local publications, Mapmakers Alaska has become a major contributor of information to tell the world about oil and gas in Alaska. ■



Mapmakers Alaska location in Palmer since 1985.

