

A Comparison of the Montney/Doig, Horn River and Barnett

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Summary

If the world of unconventional gas were a horse race, the Barnett Shale of the Fort Worth Basin, Texas would be the current leader for shale gas. Success in this play has spurred on the search for other unconventional gas opportunities across North America.

In Canada unconventional gas projects from across the country have been lining up to prove their worth. The Triassic Montney/Doig of the Peace River Arch near the Alberta - British Columbia border and the Devonian shales of the Horn River Basin in Northern British Columbia are currently touted as industry favorites, hot in competition for investment dollars.

With the Barnett Shale established as a current champion, how do Canada's up-and-coming plays compare? Will the Montney live up to its front-runner potential? Do we have a dark horse in the Horn River? What can we learn from the Barnett Shale experience?

This presentation will compare the three plays, looking at the depositional history, estimated gas resources, development, reserves, and business aspects of the three plays. We'll help you understand the stakes so you can decide where you want to place your bets.