

**HOUSE BILL NO. 535
STRIPPER OIL WELLS IN NORTHERN MONTANA**

FACT SHEET

- **2/3 of Montana's Oil Wells are Stripper Oil Wells---But Montana's "Mini-Strippers" (3 bbls/day or less) produced only 3.5% of Montana's oil production in 2003.**
- **Average Daily Oil Production for Northern Montana:**

2001 – 2.6 BOPD	2003 – 2.6 BOPD
2002 – 2.7 BOPD	2004 – 2.5 BOPD
- **Number of Producing Oil Wells – Northern Montana:**

2001 – 1854	2003 – 1774
2002 – 1765	2004 – 1754
- **Average Daily Production: Toole County (Kevin-Sunburst Field) - .69 BOPD
Pondera County (Pondera Field) – 1.93 BOPD
Glacier County (Cut Bank Field) – 2.39 BOPD**
- **On average a Stripper Oil Well will have 12 different oil field contractors working on the well during the course of one year (i.e. Pumper, Truck Driver, Water Hauler, Service Rig – 4 Rig Hands, Electrician, Oil Hauler, Bottom Hole Pump Repairman, Chemical Man, Engineer or Company Hand).**
- **House Bill 535 will help to continue providing jobs to these individuals in Northern Montana.**
- **Reducing the Tax Rate will enable small Independent Operators to reinvest more capital on returning shut-in stripper wells to production.**

PLEASE VOTE "YES" ON HOUSE BILL 535

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