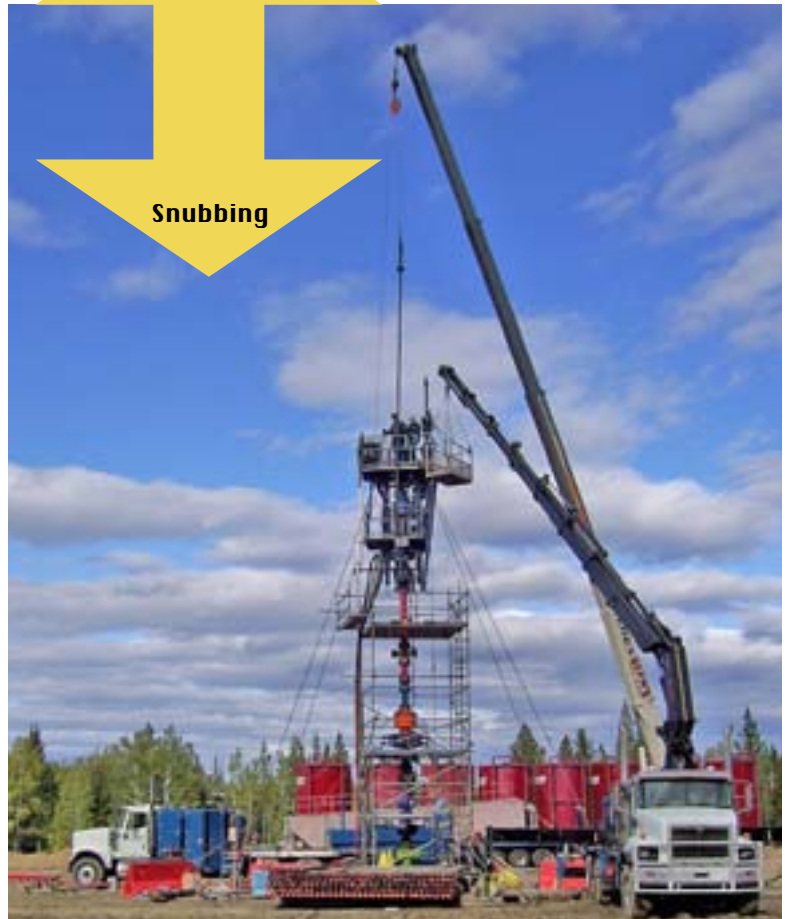


Well servicing



Wireline

After oil and gas wells are drilled, service companies are called in to help prepare the wells for production. They also service wells while they are in production. Cementing, acidizing, fracturing, snubbing and wireline are just a few of the services performed by well service operators on the well sites. To learn more about careers in well servicing, visit www.careersinoilandgas.com.



Snubbing



ABOVE: To get to remote well sites when mud and muskeg are an issue, wireline equipment can be rigged up on special wide-track vehicles.

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ABOVE: Wireline, a type of metal cable, is spooled off the truck and lowered down the oil or gas well. Special instruments are attached to the wireline, such as electrical logging equipment or perforating guns. The data gathered from the logging equipment is used by other workers, such as geologists and engineers, to evaluate the wells. Perforating guns, when detonated, help oil and gas flow into the well.

LEFT: Wireline operators also use special tools and equipment to retrieve broken or lost drilling or production equipment that can cause problems in the well.