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# Total U.S. Rig Count Rose in November to 1,053

HOUSTON, Dec. 8, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- S&P Global Platts Analytics, today announced the U.S. rig count for November 2017 was 1,053, up 20 (+2%) from October 2017, and up 373 (+55%) from November 2016. This rig count includes U.S. onshore, U.S. inland waters, and U.S. offshore Gulf of Mexico drilling rigs.

- **November U.S. land rig count:** 1,016, up 22 (+2%) from the previous month and up 374 (+58%) from November 2016
- **November U.S. inland waters and Gulf of Mexico rig count:** 37, down 2 (-5%) from the previous month and down 1 (-3%) from November 2016

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"November's rig count, up 2% versus October's level, is unseasonably strong, given that the holidays typically create some slack in the rig count," **said S&P Global Platts Senior Industry Analyst Trey Cowan.** "The fact that it was better than the prior month is a nod to the stronger oil and natural gas prices of late."

**S&P Global Platts U.S. Rig Counts**

| | November 2017 | October 2017 | Month over Month Change | % Change | | November 2016 | Variance year over year (YOY) | YOY % Variance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 42 | 40 | 2 | 5% | | 22 | 20 | 91% |
| Louisiana | 52 | 48 | 4 | 8% | | 31 | 21 | 68% |
| New Mexico | 72 | 71 | 1 | 1% | | 32 | 40 | 125% |
| North Dakota | 50 | 52 | -2 | -4% | | 36 | 14 | 39% |
| Oklahoma | 125 | 127 | -2 | -2% | | 88 | 37 | 42% |
| Texas | 491 | 480 | 11 | 2% | | 304 | 187 | 62% |
| Rest of U.S. Land | 184 | 176 | 8 | 5% | | 129 | 55 | 43% |
| **U.S. Land Subtotal** | **1016** | **994** | **22** | **2%** | | **642** | **374** | **58%** |
| U.S. Inland Waters | 6 | 8 | -2 | -25% | | 7 | -1 | -14% |
| U.S. Gulf of Mexico (GOM) | 31 | 31 | 0 | 0% | | 31 | 0 | 0% |
| **U.S. Inland and GOM** | **37** | **39** | **-2** | **-5%** | | **38** | **-1** | **-3%** |
| **Total U.S. Rig Count** | **1,053** | **1,033** | **20** | **2%** | | **680** | **373** | **55%** |

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