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ABOUT THE COVER
During December 2015, Latshaw Drilling Company’s Rig #44, a 1,500-hp NOV Ideal AC unit, drills the Shepard 825H well on a moonscape-like tract in Culberson County, in the Delaware basin of far West Texas. The rig is under contract to COG Operating (Concho Resources). Image: Latshaw Drilling Company.