

Gerlach Geothermal Exploration Project

Environmental Assessment

Baseline Studies

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) required the preparation of the baseline studies listed in the table below in order to thoroughly understand the resources potentially affected by the proposed geothermal exploration activity. In addition to the reports listed in the table, the BLM intends to reference special studies prepared for the 2019 Burning Man Special Recreation Permit Renewal EIS (DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2018-0003-EIS), which are available at the following website: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/93518/570>

Baseline Study Name	Status
Cultural Resources Report	BLM accepted December 2021
Biological Resources Baseline Report (including vegetation, wildlife, migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, special status species, and noxious weeds)	BLM accepted July 2021
Hydrologic Resources Baseline Report (including water quality and quantity for groundwater and surface water, wetlands/riparian areas, and soils)	Draft report under review by BLM
Night Sky Baseline Report	Draft report under review by BLM
Visual Resources Key Observation Points	Completed March 2021