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## BLM CARSON CITY DISTRICT RMP PLANNING FACT SHEET *Soils*

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The BLM Carson City District (CCD) is developing the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Carson City District planning area. The Carson City RMP will provide detailed information about the current state of resources on public lands within the planning area, and set forth a plan of action for managing those resources for the next twenty or so years under the BLM's multiple use mandate.

### SOILS RESOURCES

The combinations of geology, depositional history, climate, relief, biological factors, and time combine for a wide variety of soil types throughout the CCD assessment area. Soil Survey data from Washoe County; North and South parts, Carson City Area, Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey County, Churchill County, and Mineral County are used for planning purposes. In 2005, the Web Soil Survey website was launched to provide widespread public access of soil information on public lands. To view the website, go to <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>. Soil properties and qualities, such as erosion factors, can be viewed for an area of interest.

One of the primary interpretations for soils within the planning area is the assignment of ecological sites to soil components. It is widely recognized that the soil and climate are components of an ecological site and that the interaction between the soils, climate, and vegetation are reflected in the ecological site. Properly correlated soils and ecological sites provide the basis for various management decisions. Developing management plans for stocking rates, wildlife habitat potentials, and biomass harvesting are examples. Ecological site descriptions are also useful to help identify and manage resource concerns such as re-vegetation, erosion and sediment control, and critical habitats.

### ***BLM wants your input...***

- What solutions or treatments are needed to reduce erosion and stabilize soils?
- How will soils be managed to protect biological crusts?

CCD Planning Webpage:  
[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson\\_city\\_field.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html)

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