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### I.2.1 Cased-hole Logging

The cased-hole logging program is designed to demonstrate integrity of the cement and tubulars, derive the geometry of the wellbore path, and characterize the subsurface temperature gradient.

The following geophysical well logs will be run in the completed cased-hole section of the appraisal well:

**Cased Hole (0 – 11,000 feet)**

- Cement evaluation and casing inspection tool
- Gyroscopic survey
- Differential temperature survey

Additional diagnostic cased-hole logs may be run at the discretion of the Project Team.

### I.2.2 Pressure-Transient Testing

Pressure transient testing may be used to define reservoir properties and evaluate the completion condition of the wells. Step-rate tests and mini-frac tests can be used to define the breakdown pressure of the formations of interest using low volume/high rate injection techniques. Constant rate injection/falloff or production/buildup tests and cross-well interference tests can be used to measure formation transmissibility, storativity, and completion condition of the well(s). A more detailed testing procedure will be developed and conducted in the chosen pilot testing interval following installation of the Injection Well. The various types of transient tests being considered are outlined in the following subsections.

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completion efficiency, and wellbore storage). The injection brine will be filtered to remove suspended solids (e.g., sand, silt, drilling mud) and temporarily stored in an above ground frac-tank. Fluorescein will be added to the water to trace the fluid before injecting the tagged water back into the injection well at a constant rate. Downhole pressure and temperature will be monitored in both the injection and observation wells during the injectivity test. The pressure transient response observed during injection and the pressure fall-off period will be analyzed to determine well and formation characteristics.