

Nev. hot spring may offer clues about life on other planets



UNLV graduate student Scott Thomas collects samples from Great Boiling Spring, about 100 miles northeast of Reno. Photo/UNLV

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In Northern Nevada's Great Boiling Spring, strange microscopic creatures thrive in water hot enough to kill you.

Scientists led by UNLV researcher Brian Hedlund are studying the microorganisms in this near-200-degree environment in search of clues about life on Earth and elsewhere.

Using a new \$900,000 grant from NASA, the scientists hope to learn how these microbes survive in such an extreme environment.

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