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silence

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My name is Jacob Bleacher. I'm a research scientist at Goddard Space Flight Center

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I study lava flows, and I study those on the Earth as well as Mars

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the moon, and basically that lava has flowed in the solar system. So, I

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a combination of field studies on the Earth, and then remote orbiter

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data on other planets. One of the things that I'm working on

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is understanding lava sheet inflation. What this involves is

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the placement of an extensive sheet of lava that the surface hardens at one

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time, but the interior of the sheet is still liquid.

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these lavas can then, if they continue to flow, lift up the crust of the lava

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and some of the places that we've been studying them, like in New Mexico, lava sheets

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have been inflated 15 to 20 meters high. So, it's pretty impressive to be

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walking around in the field and come up to a wall of lava.

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My job with the Desert RATS, the most is the field test.

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Your doing your science, but you are testing new technologies along the way. To me, that's the great part:

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the real team environment among the scientists and among the

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engineers, and being able to use your science input to really help drive NASA technology development