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The third meeting of the National Space Council

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Seeking a partnership to power our Gateway

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And – an educational activity that’s quite
a blast ... a few of the stories to tell you

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about – This Week at NASA!

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Administrator Jim Bridenstine attended the
third meeting of the National Space Council

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June 18 at the White House.

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President Trump opened the meeting by signing
Space Policy Directive-3, which directs the

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U.S. to lead space traffic management and
mitigate the effects of space debris.

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During the meeting, which was led by Vice
President Mike Pence, Bridenstine reported

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on NASA’s progress in implementing Space
Policy Directive-1, which directs NASA to

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return U.S. astronauts to the Moon and eventually send humans to Mars.

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"The architecture that we're building now is entirely different than any architecture

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we've ever built before in an effort to get to the Moon, and the reason is - we have more

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capabilities now than we've ever had as a nation."

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On June 21, we announced plans to seek a public/private industry partnership for a high-power solar

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electric propulsion spacecraft to provide power, controls, and communications for the

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first element of our planned lunar exploration platform, known as the Gateway.

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Built with commercial and international partners, the Gateway will become the orbital outpost

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for robotic and human exploration operations on and near the Moon and beyond – including

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Mars.

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"This is our opportunity to have more access

to more parts of the Moon than ever before.

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When you land on the surface of the Moon you're in one spot on the surface of the Moon.

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But what we want is we want access to the entire Moon.”

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A new multiagency report released June 20, details plans for the U.S. response to near-Earth

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objects that could pose a hazard to Earth.

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Titled, “National Near-Earth Object Preparedness Strategy and Action Plan,” the document

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identifies actions to enhance the federal government’s coordination and preparedness

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posture during the next 10 years to address potential hazards posed by near-Earth objects.

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For information about NASA’s Planetary Defense Coordination Office, visit: nasa.gov/planetarydefense.

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Our Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia held its annual Rocket Week, June 15-22.

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It’s an opportunity for students and instructors from across the country to learn more about

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rocketry basics and build experiments for flying on a NASA suborbital rocket through

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the RockOn! and RockSat-C programs.

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Rocket Week is one of many events we sponsor to stimulate student interest in science,

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technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, careers.

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That's what's up this week @NASA ...