

EXPLORATION MISSION-1



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Strong budget support for our Moon to Mars effort ...

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A new crew launches to the space station ...

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And training for Orion recovery ... a few of the stories to tell you about – This

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Week at NASA!

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During our March 11 Moon to Mars event at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, our administrator,

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Jim Bridenstine discussed the President's \$21 billion budget request for NASA.

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He called it a show of support for the agency and our wide-ranging objectives – including

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our push to develop a sustainable human presence on and around the Moon, to facilitate lunar

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exploration.

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“In order to achieve that objective, we need a permanent command and service module,

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in orbit around the Moon – we call it Gateway.

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It represents an opportunity to get to more parts of the Moon than ever before.”

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Our plan to go forward to the Moon calls for the use of innovative and new technologies

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to develop systems, utilize untapped resources, and eventually make use of what we learn to

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help astronauts take the next giant leap.

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“What we’re trying to do is make sure that what we develop is not a dead end and

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in fact has capabilities of being utilized on another world – that other world, of

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course being Mars.”

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The administrator also noted strong support in the budget for our efforts in low-Earth

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orbit with our commercial and international partners, our work to resume launches of American

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astronauts on American rockets from American soil, and our progress developing the Space

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Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft.

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Closer to home, our cutting edge research to make air travel safer, quieter, and more

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accessible is also acknowledged in the budget.

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“Driving down costs and increasing access to air travel is the way that we’re going

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to be able to increase the standard of living for every American, and that’s really what

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NASA is all about.”

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As are our space-based observations of Earth – which are crucial to understanding changes

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to our home planet now, and forecasting potential changes that might occur in the future.

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“We are studying the Earth with as strong a budget as we have seen, really in a very

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long time, right now – and this budget request for Earth Science is very strong as well.

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(applause)”

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NASA has selected nine teams to continue the science legacy of the Apollo missions by studying

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selected returned samples of the Moon from Apollo 15, 16, and 17.

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The samples, which have been carefully stored and untouched for nearly 50 years, were deliberately

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saved to take advantage of today's more advanced and sophisticated technology – which

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could help advance our understanding of our nearest neighbor.

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On March 14, our Nick Hague and Christina Koch – along with Russia's Alexey Ovchinin

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– launched to the International Space Station from Kazakhstan.

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The trio's arrival will return the orbiting laboratory's population to six, including

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three NASA astronauts.

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Hague, Koch, and Ovchinin will serve as the station's Expedition 59/60 crew, and will

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continue work on hundreds of experiments in biology, biotechnology, physical science and

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Earth science being conducted aboard the orbital laboratory.

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We partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard off the coast of North Carolina, to conduct testing

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with our Orion spacecraft's Crew Module Uprighting System.

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The system of five airbags is responsible for turning Orion right side up if the capsule

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turns over when it returns to Earth.

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Orion and our Space Launch System are critical backbone elements of our future in deep space

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– and will send our astronauts on missions to the Moon and beyond.

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This 360-degree panorama was compiled from multiple images taken over 29 days last spring

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by our Mars Opportunity Rover, from what would be its final resting spot in Perseverance

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After eight months of effort and sending more than a thousand commands in an attempt to

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restore contact with the rover, NASA declared Opportunity's mission complete on Feb. 13,

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2019 – after nearly 15 years of exploring the surface of Mars.

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