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00:00:05,110 --> 00:00:02,629
that a human being has ever seen from

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00:00:08,710 --> 00:00:05,120
the surface of another planet on august

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00:00:11,430 --> 00:00:08,720
20th 1975 the first viking spaceship was

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00:00:14,390 --> 00:00:11,440
launched you were seeing something that

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00:00:17,910 --> 00:00:14,400
no other human has ever seen before

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00:00:22,950 --> 00:00:17,920
former seas and mountains huge canyons

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00:00:27,509 --> 00:00:24,950
that sense of wonderment and achievement

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00:00:31,509 --> 00:00:27,519
and always working towards your goal

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00:00:32,910 --> 00:00:31,519
we can do and we will do

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00:00:39,030 --> 00:00:32,920
and liftoff

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00:00:44,069 --> 00:00:41,990
mars is unavoidably special we landed

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00:00:45,270 --> 00:00:44,079
and we've scooped we've roved we've

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00:00:48,150 --> 00:00:45,280

orbited

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00:00:50,310 --> 00:00:48,160

together we did it but the attitude was

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00:00:52,630 --> 00:00:50,320

together we can do it

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00:00:57,990 --> 00:00:52,640

the future is what you make out of it

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00:01:02,869 --> 00:01:00,869

and here we are with mars perseverance

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00:01:05,750 --> 00:01:02,879

51 years later getting ready to do the

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00:01:07,670 --> 00:01:05,760

first ever mars return mission

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00:01:09,750 --> 00:01:07,680

eventually we can bring those samples

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00:01:11,030 --> 00:01:09,760

back to earth and determine for the very

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00:01:12,410 --> 00:01:11,040

first time

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00:01:22,390 --> 00:01:12,420

did life exist on mars

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00:01:26,469 --> 00:01:24,310

hello and welcome to kennedy space

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00:01:28,230 --> 00:01:26,479

center my name is bettina and klon thank

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00:01:31,190 --> 00:01:28,240

you for joining us for this pre-launch

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00:01:33,350 --> 00:01:31,200

prescott pre-launch press conference

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00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:33,360

moments ago the launch readiness review

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00:01:38,390 --> 00:01:36,240

concluded for the mars 2020 mission

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which will carry the mars perseverance

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00:01:42,230 --> 00:01:40,880

rover and the ingenuity helicopter to

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00:01:44,550 --> 00:01:42,240

the red planet

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00:01:47,429 --> 00:01:44,560

we're very excited about this new era in

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00:01:49,350 --> 00:01:47,439

mars exploration you can catch the the

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00:01:51,109 --> 00:01:49,360

launch here on nasa television with

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00:01:53,830 --> 00:01:51,119

broadcast starting at 7 00 am and the

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00:01:56,069 --> 00:01:53,840

launch will start at 7 50

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00:01:58,149 --> 00:01:56,079

to learn more about this

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00:02:01,749 --> 00:01:58,159

this mission to mars we are joined by a

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00:02:04,630 --> 00:02:01,759

great panel to tell us about mars 2020

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00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:04,640

and future plans to mars first we have

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00:02:10,229 --> 00:02:08,239

nasa administrator jim bridenstine

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00:02:13,670 --> 00:02:10,239

thomas sabukin associate administrator

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00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:13,680

for nasa science mission directorate

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00:02:18,309 --> 00:02:15,760

matt wallace deputy program manager for

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00:02:20,949 --> 00:02:18,319

the jet propulsion lab

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00:02:23,350 --> 00:02:20,959

omar bayes launch director for the nasa

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00:02:26,309 --> 00:02:23,360

launch service program

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00:02:27,990 --> 00:02:26,319

tour bruno president and ceo of united

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00:02:30,470 --> 00:02:28,000

launch alliance

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00:02:32,550 --> 00:02:30,480
and jessica williams 45th space wing

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00:02:34,070 --> 00:02:32,560
weather officer

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00:02:36,229 --> 00:02:34,080
as a reminder we'll start taking

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00:02:38,309 --> 00:02:36,239
questions from our media who is joining

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00:02:40,790 --> 00:02:38,319
us virtually on the phone range we'll

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00:02:43,509 --> 00:02:40,800
also question to also take questions

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00:02:45,430 --> 00:02:43,519
from social media using the hashtag

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00:02:47,750 --> 00:02:45,440
countdown to mars

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00:02:49,190 --> 00:02:47,760
so let's start with nasa administrator

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00:02:51,830 --> 00:02:49,200
jim bradenstein

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00:02:53,430 --> 00:02:51,840
well thank you so much bettina and i

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00:02:56,710 --> 00:02:53,440
just want to say the launch readiness

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00:02:59,110 --> 00:02:56,720

review is complete and we are indeed go

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00:03:01,589 --> 00:02:59,120

for launch i want to thank our ula

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00:03:03,270 --> 00:03:01,599

teammates and of course our jpl

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00:03:05,190 --> 00:03:03,280

teammates as well

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00:03:07,190 --> 00:03:05,200

this has been an amazing team effort and

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i remember when i first came to the

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agency thomas zurbukin

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00:03:13,670 --> 00:03:11,040

came to me and said hey look we have a

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risk here the risk is mars 2020. i said

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well what's the risk he said well we

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might not go in 2020.

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00:03:21,350 --> 00:03:18,560

and here we are

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just uh a number of years later

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but we are in fact going to launch what

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we now call mars perseverance

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in the year 2020 and i think the the

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name is is perfectly appropriate

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a young man in virginia named alex

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mather a a seventh grader is the person

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00:03:40,309 --> 00:03:38,080

who named it and so

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00:03:43,910 --> 00:03:40,319

um we are we are in extraordinary times

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00:03:46,229 --> 00:03:43,920

right now with the coronavirus pandemic

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and yet we have in fact persevered and

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00:03:50,229 --> 00:03:48,080

we have protected this mission because

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it is so important we declare this

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mission to be essential and there's a

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00:03:56,229 --> 00:03:54,640

number of reasons why and i'll just give

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00:03:57,910 --> 00:03:56,239

you a few of them

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00:03:58,949 --> 00:03:57,920

some of the reasons that excite me the

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most

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first of all you know the president gave

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00:04:05,830 --> 00:04:02,799

us an objective to go to mars with

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humans to plant an american flag on mars

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well in order to do that we have to be

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able to sustain human life on mars so

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there's a mission on perseverance called

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moxie it's a technology demonstrator how

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do we use the carbon dioxide atmosphere

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00:04:23,430 --> 00:04:21,280
of mars and create pure oxygen that we

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00:04:25,110 --> 00:04:23,440
can use for life support so that's a

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00:04:27,590 --> 00:04:25,120
really exciting mission that is a

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00:04:28,790 --> 00:04:27,600
precursor to an eventual human mission

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00:04:30,950 --> 00:04:28,800
to mars

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00:04:33,430 --> 00:04:30,960
but there's so much more when we think

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00:04:36,629 --> 00:04:33,440
about the mars perseverance rover for

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00:04:39,430 --> 00:04:36,639
the first time ever we're going to fly a

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00:04:42,230 --> 00:04:39,440
a helicopter on another planet we call

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00:04:43,990 --> 00:04:42,240
it ingenuity and of course

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00:04:46,790 --> 00:04:44,000
ingenuity is going to be a tech

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00:04:49,510 --> 00:04:46,800
demonstrator for this particular mission

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00:04:52,310 --> 00:04:49,520

but in the future it could transform how

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00:04:53,430 --> 00:04:52,320

we do planetary science on these other

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00:04:55,590 --> 00:04:53,440

worlds

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00:04:57,830 --> 00:04:55,600

and eventually be a scout so that we can

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00:05:00,390 --> 00:04:57,840

figure out where exactly do we need to

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00:05:02,230 --> 00:05:00,400

send our our robots

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00:05:03,909 --> 00:05:02,240

but i think the other thing that's very

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00:05:07,029 --> 00:05:03,919

important about this mission this is the

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00:05:09,790 --> 00:05:07,039

first time in history when nasa has

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00:05:13,590 --> 00:05:09,800

dedicated a mission to what we call

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00:05:16,469 --> 00:05:13,600

astrobiology the search for life either

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00:05:17,670 --> 00:05:16,479

maybe maybe now or ancient life on

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another world

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00:05:21,029 --> 00:05:19,360
and of course when we go to the jezreel

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crater which is

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obviously a big crater on mars but it's

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00:05:27,909 --> 00:05:26,000
also a former lake bed and it had a

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00:05:30,230 --> 00:05:27,919
river that flowed into it and that river

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00:05:31,350 --> 00:05:30,240
delta is a place where we believe there

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00:05:32,950 --> 00:05:31,360
could be

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00:05:34,550 --> 00:05:32,960
not saying there is we don't know but

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00:05:35,670 --> 00:05:34,560
there could have been at one point in

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00:05:36,950 --> 00:05:35,680
time

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00:05:39,990 --> 00:05:36,960
life

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00:05:42,550 --> 00:05:40,000
we know that mars had a very active

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00:05:44,469 --> 00:05:42,560

atmosphere and a very active hydrosphere

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that it was protected from the radiation

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of of deep space at one time three

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billion years ago in other words mars

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was at one time habitable we know that

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because of past missions spirit and

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00:05:57,430 --> 00:05:54,800

opportunity and now that we know what

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00:05:59,590 --> 00:05:57,440

the history of mars was we can say okay

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00:06:02,230 --> 00:05:59,600

maybe there was life there let's go find

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out if there was life on mars and in

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00:06:06,230 --> 00:06:04,319

fact the other exciting thing is we're

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00:06:08,230 --> 00:06:06,240

going to cash samples we're going to

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00:06:11,830 --> 00:06:08,240

cash samples on the surface of another

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00:06:13,990 --> 00:06:11,840

world for a future mission in 2026 to

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bring those samples back to earth that

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will be the first time in history that

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we've done a mars return mission in fact

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it's the first time in history we've

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done a return mission from any planet so

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it's uh these are very very exciting

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times very important mission for the

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united states of america and of course a

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very very important mission for the

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00:06:33,909 --> 00:06:32,080

world

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00:06:36,390 --> 00:06:33,919

and with that i'm going to turn it over

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00:06:39,189 --> 00:06:36,400

to the associate administrator of the

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00:06:41,110 --> 00:06:39,199

science mission directorate at nasa who

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00:06:43,110 --> 00:06:41,120

has done just amazing work helping us

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00:06:45,590 --> 00:06:43,120

get to where we are today um and

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00:06:48,150 --> 00:06:45,600

somebody who understands how uniting

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00:06:50,309 --> 00:06:48,160

this mission actually is so dr thomas

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irbukin over to you thank you so much

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00:06:54,710 --> 00:06:52,160

administrator and thanks to you for your

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00:06:56,469 --> 00:06:54,720

commitment to success uh without which

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00:06:58,790 --> 00:06:56,479

we wouldn't be here today i really

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00:07:00,950 --> 00:06:58,800

really appreciate that and i just

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00:07:03,589 --> 00:07:00,960

couldn't uh be more happy to be here

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today and have this amazing mission on

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00:07:07,830 --> 00:07:05,759

top of a rocket ready to go

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and actually from this uh launch

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readiness review know

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00:07:13,749 --> 00:07:13,039

that all the issues are addressed and we

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00:07:15,670 --> 00:07:13,759

are

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in fact ready now we're just counting

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down and just really celebrating with

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00:07:21,029 --> 00:07:19,440

the team

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00:07:22,790 --> 00:07:21,039

you already mentioned the administrator

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why we want to go to mars and i'm not

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00:07:27,110 --> 00:07:24,720

going to repeat it for me the most

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00:07:28,150 --> 00:07:27,120

exciting part is to really go land in

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this

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river delta that we think has so many

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promising landscapes kind of

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rocks that in fact we want to not only

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00:07:41,350 --> 00:07:38,080

see images often measurements of we want

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00:07:43,350 --> 00:07:41,360

to see back in the best labs that is are

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00:07:44,469 --> 00:07:43,360

available to humanity which is of course

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00:07:47,990 --> 00:07:44,479

on earth

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00:07:49,990 --> 00:07:48,000

with our sample return being a reality

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00:07:51,029 --> 00:07:50,000

we're excited to go learn about the

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00:07:53,670 --> 00:07:51,039

climate

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00:07:55,670 --> 00:07:53,680

of mars the weather there with

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00:07:58,390 --> 00:07:55,680

unprecedented weather information that

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00:07:59,749 --> 00:07:58,400
is right there also and uh teaches us

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00:08:02,390 --> 00:07:59,759
about that

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and uh needless to say uh we're gonna

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00:08:06,950 --> 00:08:05,199
make amazing surprising discoveries kind

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of in a way that

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00:08:10,469 --> 00:08:08,800
it always happens the most important

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00:08:12,309 --> 00:08:10,479
thing that happens in these missions are

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00:08:14,309 --> 00:08:12,319
the things we did not plan those are

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00:08:17,110 --> 00:08:14,319
discoveries that are

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00:08:18,150 --> 00:08:17,120
rewriting uh uh school books uh all over

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00:08:19,909 --> 00:08:18,160
the world

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00:08:21,350 --> 00:08:19,919
well there are two things that really

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00:08:23,430 --> 00:08:21,360

are important to me today i want to

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focus on the first one is perseverance

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you already mentioned how appropriate

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this name is perseverance

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many people i think initially is about

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something hard it is something beautiful

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it's together with exploration together

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with hope together with vision it is

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what actually allows us to achieve these

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amazing goals and this mission is full

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00:08:46,710 --> 00:08:44,800

of perseverance it's perseverance uh

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early on even of

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com bringing this amazing idea to bear

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00:08:55,110 --> 00:08:52,880

and designing this exciting rover

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together with international partners

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that persevered themselves developing uh

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these uh instruments and sending them

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over

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it is uh going through the adversity

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that we always encounter when it comes

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00:09:10,949 --> 00:09:08,800

to complex uh uh you know exploration

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but also in this case over and above

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because of the tremendous difficulties

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in this sample return uh uh technology

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that was invented at jpl and their

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collaborators

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but then you talked about it

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00:09:25,910 --> 00:09:23,920

life changed

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and on this role where we have the unity

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plaque uh recognizing the first

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00:09:32,790 --> 00:09:30,560

responders that also had an important

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00:09:35,269 --> 00:09:32,800

role and actually kept everybody safe

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00:09:37,190 --> 00:09:35,279

not only the good people who worked

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at this rover and the launch vehicle but

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also their friends and family all over

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the united states and in fact all over

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the world in addition to that uh on this

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rower is a plaque with 11

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00:09:54,790 --> 00:09:52,080
million uh names and i want to tell you

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00:09:57,350 --> 00:09:54,800
my name is there uh as or my entire

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00:09:59,990 --> 00:09:57,360
family and both of my parents who are no

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00:10:02,150 --> 00:10:00,000
longer with us they too are part of that

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00:10:03,670 --> 00:10:02,160
important uh exploration and i hope so

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00:10:04,389 --> 00:10:03,680
many of the people are watching right

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00:10:06,550 --> 00:10:04,399
now

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00:10:08,230 --> 00:10:06,560
because we're going together

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00:10:10,949 --> 00:10:08,240
as a world and i want to give you a

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glimpse of going together as a world

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00:10:15,190 --> 00:10:13,279
uh from a little uh country over there

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00:10:17,509 --> 00:10:15,200
in europe and i want to uh

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00:10:19,269 --> 00:10:17,519

show the first image

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this is in the background there the

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matterhorn you've seen it from chocolate

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00:10:24,870 --> 00:10:22,560

bars perhaps

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00:10:27,910 --> 00:10:24,880

you know it's one of the most amazing

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mountains almost 15 000 feet high

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00:10:35,670 --> 00:10:31,440

and what you see in the forefront is

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a light show actually uh really onto the

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onto the matterhorn with mars uh image

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as you see of course looking at these

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rocks as well this could be on another

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planet too well this is in switzerland

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it's actually at uh 9 000 feet high

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that's where the crew is right now but

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here's what's exciting right now every

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night until the 15th of august and next

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image please

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the crew is going to project images such

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00:11:05,350 --> 00:11:02,079

as this one onto the matterhorn images

282

00:11:09,030 --> 00:11:05,360

of coming together as a world and

283

00:11:11,590 --> 00:11:09,040

persevering and exploring the uh our

284

00:11:14,550 --> 00:11:11,600

neighbor neighboring planet together but

285

00:11:17,190 --> 00:11:14,560

being explorers together and persevering

286

00:11:19,829 --> 00:11:17,200

and so for me that image is just

287

00:11:21,990 --> 00:11:19,839

really one of those uh demonstrations no

288

00:11:24,230 --> 00:11:22,000

this is not fake that's exactly what

289

00:11:26,389 --> 00:11:24,240

happened last night that's exactly what

290

00:11:28,310 --> 00:11:26,399

happened next night in switzerland and

291

00:11:30,949 --> 00:11:28,320

for the next few nights so i just really

292

00:11:32,790 --> 00:11:30,959

want to thanks cherry hofstetter uh the

293

00:11:35,829 --> 00:11:32,800

artist and the event designer who did

294

00:11:38,470 --> 00:11:35,839

that and uh of course daniel lookin uh

295

00:11:40,150 --> 00:11:38,480

who is uh who is uh the official in

296

00:11:42,790 --> 00:11:40,160

charge who enabled that there's a lot of

297

00:11:49,829 --> 00:11:42,800

people who have to agree to that moment

298

00:11:54,629 --> 00:11:51,750

yes that was swiss german and i do speak

299

00:11:56,870 --> 00:11:54,639

that language with that however uh i'm

300

00:11:59,350 --> 00:11:56,880

going to turn it over to matt uh you

301

00:12:01,590 --> 00:11:59,360

know and i just want to tell you um uh

302

00:12:04,310 --> 00:12:01,600

how much i appreciate matt and his work

303

00:12:06,150 --> 00:12:04,320

and and the work of his entire team matt

304

00:12:08,870 --> 00:12:06,160

and i got to know each other a lot

305

00:12:10,790 --> 00:12:08,880

because we too had to persevere together

306

00:12:12,790 --> 00:12:10,800

matt

307

00:12:15,430 --> 00:12:12,800

thank you thomas i'm not gonna speak

308

00:12:17,509 --> 00:12:15,440

german but i'm pretty excited uh this is

309

00:12:19,269 --> 00:12:17,519

the fifth mars rover mission i've had an

310

00:12:21,350 --> 00:12:19,279

opportunity to work on

311

00:12:22,389 --> 00:12:21,360

and uh i have to say this one's really

312

00:12:24,069 --> 00:12:22,399

special

313

00:12:25,829 --> 00:12:24,079

for for a lot of reasons some of which

314

00:12:27,670 --> 00:12:25,839

you've already heard about

315

00:12:29,430 --> 00:12:27,680

uh that we're doing transformative

316

00:12:31,509 --> 00:12:29,440

science really for the first time we're

317

00:12:32,550 --> 00:12:31,519

looking for signs of life on another

318

00:12:34,949 --> 00:12:32,560

planet

319

00:12:36,710 --> 00:12:34,959

and uh as as thomas mentioned for the

320

00:12:38,710 --> 00:12:36,720

first time we're gonna collect samples

321

00:12:41,670 --> 00:12:38,720

that'll be part of we hope the first

322

00:12:43,269 --> 00:12:41,680

sample return from another planet and

323

00:12:44,550 --> 00:12:43,279

there's a lot of other firsts along the

324

00:12:46,790 --> 00:12:44,560

way

325

00:12:48,470 --> 00:12:46,800

administrator mentioned our

326
00:12:49,430 --> 00:12:48,480
first powered

327
00:12:53,269 --> 00:12:49,440
aerial

328
00:12:55,190 --> 00:12:53,279
capability with the ingenuity helicopter

329
00:12:57,910 --> 00:12:55,200
we're making oxygen on the surface of

330
00:12:59,670 --> 00:12:57,920
mars for the first time for the first

331
00:13:02,389 --> 00:12:59,680
time we have an opportunity to use

332
00:13:04,629 --> 00:13:02,399
autonomous systems to

333
00:13:06,710 --> 00:13:04,639
avoid hazards on

334
00:13:08,550 --> 00:13:06,720
as we land in jezreel crater and that's

335
00:13:09,750 --> 00:13:08,560
a technology that will feed forward into

336
00:13:12,230 --> 00:13:09,760
future

337
00:13:15,110 --> 00:13:12,240
robotic systems and human exploration

338
00:13:16,870 --> 00:13:15,120

systems and that's exciting

339

00:13:19,030 --> 00:13:16,880

we're also carrying microphones for the

340

00:13:21,110 --> 00:13:19,040

first time we're going to hear

341

00:13:24,470 --> 00:13:21,120

the sounds of the spacecraft landing on

342

00:13:26,310 --> 00:13:24,480

another planet and the and the rover uh

343

00:13:29,590 --> 00:13:26,320

drilling in the rocks and and rolling

344

00:13:31,190 --> 00:13:29,600

over the surface of of mars and uh

345

00:13:33,030 --> 00:13:31,200

you know that that's pretty exciting

346

00:13:34,710 --> 00:13:33,040

i'll mention one more which is uh kind

347

00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:34,720

of near and dear to my heart for the

348

00:13:37,430 --> 00:13:36,240

first time

349

00:13:39,990 --> 00:13:37,440

we're going to have an opportunity to

350

00:13:42,949 --> 00:13:40,000

see another spacecraft see our

351

00:13:45,030 --> 00:13:42,959

spacecraft land on another planet

352

00:13:46,790 --> 00:13:45,040

we've got commercial ruggedized cameras

353

00:13:48,470 --> 00:13:46,800

that we've distributed essentially all

354

00:13:49,269 --> 00:13:48,480

over the spacecraft

355

00:13:55,990 --> 00:13:49,279

and

356

00:13:57,990 --> 00:13:56,000

activity from the inflation of the

357

00:13:58,870 --> 00:13:58,000

parachute to the touchdown of the rover

358

00:14:00,470 --> 00:13:58,880

and

359

00:14:01,590 --> 00:14:00,480

that's going to be some very exciting

360

00:14:05,670 --> 00:14:01,600

footage

361

00:14:07,110 --> 00:14:05,680

so uh so the whole whole mission is um

362

00:14:08,470 --> 00:14:07,120

very exciting for me if we bring up the

363

00:14:11,269 --> 00:14:08,480

first graphic

364

00:14:12,310 --> 00:14:11,279

just from a quick historical perspective

365

00:14:15,350 --> 00:14:12,320

we

366

00:14:17,110 --> 00:14:15,360

leverage

367

00:14:19,750 --> 00:14:17,120

the powerful

368

00:14:22,310 --> 00:14:19,760

sky sky crane delivery system that we

369

00:14:25,269 --> 00:14:22,320

developed to successfully land curiosity

370

00:14:26,550 --> 00:14:25,279

and gale crater in 2012

371

00:14:28,470 --> 00:14:26,560

we we started to look for that

372

00:14:30,790 --> 00:14:28,480

opportunity almost immediately after we

373

00:14:33,750 --> 00:14:30,800

launched curiosity in 2011 we got a new

374

00:14:34,949 --> 00:14:33,760

start on the project in 2012.

375

00:14:38,069 --> 00:14:34,959

we had

376

00:14:39,910 --> 00:14:38,079

our instruments selected by mid-2014 and

377

00:14:41,750 --> 00:14:39,920

then we got down to work accommodating

378

00:14:43,110 --> 00:14:41,760

those mission those uh

379

00:14:44,470 --> 00:14:43,120

those

380

00:14:46,069 --> 00:14:44,480

instruments and

381

00:14:48,230 --> 00:14:46,079

experiments

382

00:14:50,470 --> 00:14:48,240

and started building uh still started

383

00:14:52,150 --> 00:14:50,480

building the vehicle along the way we

384

00:14:53,030 --> 00:14:52,160

had plenty of challenges

385

00:14:58,069 --> 00:14:53,040

we

386

00:15:00,069 --> 00:14:58,079

a new planetary parachute it's another

387

00:15:01,269 --> 00:15:00,079

first first time we've done that as an

388

00:15:03,829 --> 00:15:01,279

agency

389

00:15:05,829 --> 00:15:03,839

and 40 or 50 years it's not an easy

390

00:15:07,910 --> 00:15:05,839

thing to do requires a lot of

391

00:15:10,470 --> 00:15:07,920

a number of suborbital rocket flights

392

00:15:12,310 --> 00:15:10,480

out of wallops we we managed to get that

393

00:15:13,110 --> 00:15:12,320

done and and we got through a number of

394

00:15:16,310 --> 00:15:13,120

other

395

00:15:17,990 --> 00:15:16,320

uh challenges in our development as well

396

00:15:20,710 --> 00:15:18,000

uh kind of late in the game we were

397

00:15:23,670 --> 00:15:20,720

asked to accommodate uh this this little

398

00:15:26,069 --> 00:15:23,680

thing called uh the mars helicopter

399

00:15:27,910 --> 00:15:26,079

and as you can see it was well after

400

00:15:29,749 --> 00:15:27,920

most of the payloads were assigned to

401
00:15:31,110 --> 00:15:29,759
the project and so

402
00:15:34,150 --> 00:15:31,120
you know we had to do a little bit of a

403
00:15:35,990 --> 00:15:34,160
magic trick to get that one on the rover

404
00:15:38,870 --> 00:15:36,000
uh pulled a bit of a rabbit out of the

405
00:15:40,389 --> 00:15:38,880
hat but i guess it was fate because we

406
00:15:42,310 --> 00:15:40,399
managed to get it done

407
00:15:44,470 --> 00:15:42,320
and the helicopter team delivered their

408
00:15:46,949 --> 00:15:44,480
system and it's sitting up with the

409
00:15:48,230 --> 00:15:46,959
perseverance rover on top of our atlas 5

410
00:15:51,189 --> 00:15:48,240
rocket

411
00:15:52,790 --> 00:15:51,199
getting ready to go to mars with us so

412
00:15:54,629 --> 00:15:52,800
you all know the launch is coming up and

413
00:15:58,069 --> 00:15:54,639

of course there's about a six and a half

414

00:16:01,110 --> 00:15:58,079

month cruise uh to mars and will land

415

00:16:03,350 --> 00:16:01,120

the middle of february of 2021

416

00:16:06,389 --> 00:16:03,360

at jezreel crater

417

00:16:08,710 --> 00:16:06,399

so if you go to the next graphic please

418

00:16:11,430 --> 00:16:08,720

okay this is uh this is the important

419

00:16:12,870 --> 00:16:11,440

part this is where i talk about the team

420

00:16:14,870 --> 00:16:12,880

this is just a small fraction of the

421

00:16:16,949 --> 00:16:14,880

team believe it or not uh this is just

422

00:16:19,670 --> 00:16:16,959

the jpl team and it's just a fraction of

423

00:16:20,870 --> 00:16:19,680

the more than 2 000 people

424

00:16:22,870 --> 00:16:20,880

over the course of the mission

425

00:16:24,230 --> 00:16:22,880

development that worked on the project

426
00:16:26,069 --> 00:16:24,240
at jpl

427
00:16:28,550 --> 00:16:26,079
and of course our team didn't stop at

428
00:16:29,910 --> 00:16:28,560
jpl pretty much every nasa center

429
00:16:32,310 --> 00:16:29,920
participated

430
00:16:35,590 --> 00:16:32,320
in this project in one form or another

431
00:16:38,310 --> 00:16:35,600
it was really a cross-agency

432
00:16:40,069 --> 00:16:38,320
effort and and something we're extremely

433
00:16:42,870 --> 00:16:40,079
appreciative of all the support that we

434
00:16:44,949 --> 00:16:42,880
got and it didn't stop there thomas

435
00:16:47,749 --> 00:16:44,959
mentioned we have three instruments from

436
00:16:49,509 --> 00:16:47,759
europe one from france one from spain

437
00:16:52,230 --> 00:16:49,519
uh one from norway and of course of

438
00:16:55,030 --> 00:16:52,240

course we have a very large science team

439

00:16:57,350 --> 00:16:55,040

i think it's more than 250 scientists

440

00:16:59,829 --> 00:16:57,360

really from around the world which are

441

00:17:02,389 --> 00:16:59,839

participating in this in this project as

442

00:17:05,189 --> 00:17:03,990

if you bring up the next graphic i think

443

00:17:07,110 --> 00:17:05,199

we've got a picture here of the

444

00:17:08,470 --> 00:17:07,120

spacecraft as

445

00:17:10,309 --> 00:17:08,480

uh i like it because it gives you a

446

00:17:12,549 --> 00:17:10,319

sense of the complexity of this system

447

00:17:14,069 --> 00:17:12,559

you see the cruise stage up on top the

448

00:17:16,150 --> 00:17:14,079

rover is a little hard to see but you

449

00:17:17,750 --> 00:17:16,160

can see one of the wheels there and the

450

00:17:18,949 --> 00:17:17,760

helicopter is actually mounted

451
00:17:20,870 --> 00:17:18,959
underneath

452
00:17:23,510 --> 00:17:20,880
the body of the rover and they're both

453
00:17:25,429 --> 00:17:23,520
nestled up into the uh

454
00:17:27,669 --> 00:17:25,439
into the upper portion of the entry

455
00:17:30,390 --> 00:17:27,679
capsule and we're about to bring the

456
00:17:32,630 --> 00:17:30,400
heat shield up to encapsulate the entire

457
00:17:34,390 --> 00:17:32,640
spacecraft this is right before going

458
00:17:36,549 --> 00:17:34,400
into our integrated flow with the launch

459
00:17:38,070 --> 00:17:36,559
vehicle just a few weeks ago

460
00:17:40,710 --> 00:17:38,080
you know you can't build something this

461
00:17:42,470 --> 00:17:40,720
complex without a lot of help

462
00:17:44,789 --> 00:17:42,480
from our industry partners and they

463
00:17:45,669 --> 00:17:44,799

stepped up big time

464

00:17:48,150 --> 00:17:45,679

we

465

00:17:49,590 --> 00:17:48,160

built flight hardware in 44 out of the

466

00:17:50,789 --> 00:17:49,600

50 states

467

00:17:54,710 --> 00:17:50,799

in the country

468

00:17:56,549 --> 00:17:54,720

more than 550 different cities and towns

469

00:17:57,350 --> 00:17:56,559

and communities

470

00:18:00,070 --> 00:17:57,360

so

471

00:18:01,830 --> 00:18:00,080

no matter where you are in this country

472

00:18:03,270 --> 00:18:01,840

you don't have to go very far probably

473

00:18:04,789 --> 00:18:03,280

to find somebody that's been part of

474

00:18:07,110 --> 00:18:04,799

this mission

475

00:18:11,029 --> 00:18:07,120

and it's a it's a tremendous

476
00:18:15,029 --> 00:18:13,029
you know it's

477
00:18:16,950 --> 00:18:15,039
we work with

478
00:18:19,430 --> 00:18:16,960
cutting edge technology

479
00:18:21,510 --> 00:18:19,440
and when we do that we expect to be we

480
00:18:23,909 --> 00:18:21,520
expect to be challenged

481
00:18:26,310 --> 00:18:23,919
and as as thomas and the administrator

482
00:18:28,789 --> 00:18:26,320
have mentioned our our fundamental job

483
00:18:31,029 --> 00:18:28,799
is to explore new new places

484
00:18:32,470 --> 00:18:31,039
places we haven't been

485
00:18:34,470 --> 00:18:32,480
answer questions we don't know the

486
00:18:36,310 --> 00:18:34,480
answers to sometimes

487
00:18:38,150 --> 00:18:36,320
create questions that we we didn't even

488
00:18:40,070 --> 00:18:38,160

know we needed to ask

489

00:18:43,350 --> 00:18:40,080

and so you expect new issues and new

490

00:18:44,950 --> 00:18:43,360

problems i have to say along the way

491

00:18:46,789 --> 00:18:44,960

but but really

492

00:18:49,430 --> 00:18:46,799

nothing prepared us

493

00:18:51,029 --> 00:18:49,440

for what we had to deal with in in the

494

00:18:53,990 --> 00:18:51,039

middle of march

495

00:18:55,669 --> 00:18:54,000

as a pandemic struck not just our team

496

00:18:57,669 --> 00:18:55,679

but obviously

497

00:18:59,350 --> 00:18:57,679

communities across the country and and

498

00:19:01,190 --> 00:18:59,360

the world

499

00:19:03,190 --> 00:19:01,200

we really uh at that point of the

500

00:19:05,190 --> 00:19:03,200

mission we're in our final assembly

501
00:19:07,669 --> 00:19:05,200
activities it's critically important

502
00:19:10,710 --> 00:19:07,679
that the team

503
00:19:12,470 --> 00:19:10,720
do that assembly correctly that they do

504
00:19:14,549 --> 00:19:12,480
it without making mistakes or damaging

505
00:19:16,150 --> 00:19:14,559
the hardware there's really no safety

506
00:19:18,150 --> 00:19:16,160
net at that point

507
00:19:19,990 --> 00:19:18,160
we're working with a very limited

508
00:19:22,310 --> 00:19:20,000
schedule every

509
00:19:25,110 --> 00:19:22,320
every day every shift

510
00:19:26,470 --> 00:19:25,120
every hour is is something we're

511
00:19:28,310 --> 00:19:26,480
scrutinized to make sure we're going to

512
00:19:31,029 --> 00:19:28,320
stay on track because

513
00:19:32,710 --> 00:19:31,039

we got a 20-day planetary launch window

514

00:19:34,789 --> 00:19:32,720

and if we miss it we're we're going to

515

00:19:36,310 --> 00:19:34,799

push out by a couple years

516

00:19:38,789 --> 00:19:36,320

and so um

517

00:19:41,909 --> 00:19:38,799

you know just having the uh

518

00:19:43,909 --> 00:19:41,919

uh the coronavirus issue uh at that

519

00:19:45,430 --> 00:19:43,919

point in time was was very challenging

520

00:19:47,990 --> 00:19:45,440

for us

521

00:19:49,830 --> 00:19:48,000

um and of course no matter how many

522

00:19:52,230 --> 00:19:49,840

hardships we were facing there's a

523

00:19:54,310 --> 00:19:52,240

community set of

524

00:19:56,470 --> 00:19:54,320

community out there first responders

525

00:19:57,590 --> 00:19:56,480

nurses doctors and medical community

526
00:20:01,510 --> 00:19:57,600
that

527
00:20:05,750 --> 00:20:03,750
life and death situations

528
00:20:07,830 --> 00:20:05,760
at the same time and so

529
00:20:10,310 --> 00:20:07,840
i asked the team a couple months ago to

530
00:20:12,230 --> 00:20:10,320
do something to

531
00:20:13,830 --> 00:20:12,240
kind of represent um this this

532
00:20:15,909 --> 00:20:13,840
particular challenge that we all faced

533
00:20:17,830 --> 00:20:15,919
here in 2020 on this mission and i think

534
00:20:23,350 --> 00:20:17,840
if you bring up the next uh

535
00:20:28,070 --> 00:20:25,029
you can see um

536
00:20:29,190 --> 00:20:28,080
a technician on our assembly team

537
00:20:32,149 --> 00:20:29,200
installing

538
00:20:35,830 --> 00:20:32,159

a plate this is on the a little hard to

539

00:20:37,350 --> 00:20:35,840

tell but on the aft port side left side

540

00:20:39,990 --> 00:20:37,360

of the rover

541

00:20:41,830 --> 00:20:40,000

and we call the plate the

542

00:20:44,070 --> 00:20:41,840

perseverance

543

00:20:47,270 --> 00:20:44,080

covert 19 plate

544

00:20:50,470 --> 00:20:47,280

and there's a good good shot of it

545

00:20:52,789 --> 00:20:50,480

the you could see we have a

546

00:20:53,750 --> 00:20:52,799

representation of the earth on the top

547

00:20:56,630 --> 00:20:53,760

uh

548

00:20:58,390 --> 00:20:56,640

kind of to symbolize the the challenge

549

00:20:59,270 --> 00:20:58,400

that we faced

550

00:21:01,990 --> 00:20:59,280

you know

551
00:21:04,789 --> 00:21:02,000
globally as as the pandemic struck we

552
00:21:07,270 --> 00:21:04,799
have a representation of the spacecraft

553
00:21:08,390 --> 00:21:07,280
leaving the earth and heading to heading

554
00:21:10,149 --> 00:21:08,400
to mars

555
00:21:13,590 --> 00:21:10,159
and of course all of this is

556
00:21:16,149 --> 00:21:13,600
appropriately supported by the

557
00:21:18,470 --> 00:21:16,159
rod and serpent of the medical community

558
00:21:21,750 --> 00:21:18,480
you know during this period

559
00:21:23,830 --> 00:21:21,760
this this is a group of uh of

560
00:21:25,909 --> 00:21:23,840
people that really inspired i think our

561
00:21:27,110 --> 00:21:25,919
team to keep going

562
00:21:30,870 --> 00:21:27,120
and

563
00:21:32,230 --> 00:21:30,880

mission can help

564

00:21:34,630 --> 00:21:32,240

inspire the people that have had to go

565

00:21:37,510 --> 00:21:34,640

through this pandemic as well

566

00:21:42,870 --> 00:21:40,870

if we go to the next graphic please

567

00:21:45,029 --> 00:21:42,880

i mentioned the team you saw some

568

00:21:46,789 --> 00:21:45,039

pictures our team actually doesn't end

569

00:21:49,270 --> 00:21:46,799

with international contributions and

570

00:21:52,390 --> 00:21:49,280

industry partners and and other nasa

571

00:21:54,630 --> 00:21:52,400

centers we include we include all of you

572

00:21:57,270 --> 00:21:54,640

as well and this plate if you look at

573

00:21:59,909 --> 00:21:57,280

the top left corner of this plate you'll

574

00:22:02,230 --> 00:21:59,919

see three small

575

00:22:03,029 --> 00:22:02,240

micro fish chips which thomas referred

576
00:22:04,870 --> 00:22:03,039
to

577
00:22:06,230 --> 00:22:04,880
these are the places where his family's

578
00:22:08,549 --> 00:22:06,240
names and

579
00:22:10,789 --> 00:22:08,559
11 million other names

580
00:22:13,029 --> 00:22:10,799
are etched onto those micro fish chips

581
00:22:15,430 --> 00:22:13,039
we had only intended to fly one

582
00:22:18,070 --> 00:22:15,440
but we cut so much interest we couldn't

583
00:22:19,830 --> 00:22:18,080
fit it on one so we flew three and you

584
00:22:21,830 --> 00:22:19,840
see on the plate as well representation

585
00:22:23,029 --> 00:22:21,840
of the solar system with earth and mars

586
00:22:26,549 --> 00:22:23,039
and

587
00:22:28,149 --> 00:22:26,559
some hidden morse code i think in the

588
00:22:30,710 --> 00:22:28,159

rays of the sun which

589

00:22:34,630 --> 00:22:30,720

people quickly recognized uh spelled out

590

00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:34,640

explore as one which is what we uh what

591

00:22:37,990 --> 00:22:36,320

we intend to do

592

00:22:40,710 --> 00:22:38,000

you know we're going to launch

593

00:22:42,230 --> 00:22:40,720

the vehicle here in just a

594

00:22:44,630 --> 00:22:42,240

couple days

595

00:22:45,909 --> 00:22:44,640

and um

596

00:22:47,510 --> 00:22:45,919

we're looking forward to having

597

00:22:50,950 --> 00:22:47,520

everybody come along

598

00:22:53,990 --> 00:22:50,960

for the ride if you go to nasa.gov be my

599

00:22:56,870 --> 00:22:54,000

guest you'll find plenty of experiences

600

00:22:58,230 --> 00:22:56,880

there to to

601
00:23:01,350 --> 00:22:58,240
see the launch and to see some of the

602
00:23:02,830 --> 00:23:01,360
behind behind the scenes interviews

603
00:23:06,149 --> 00:23:02,840
also at

604
00:23:08,149 --> 00:23:06,159
mars.nasa.gov mars 2020

605
00:23:10,310 --> 00:23:08,159
there's if you click on the participate

606
00:23:12,630 --> 00:23:10,320
there's opportunities to get

607
00:23:15,350 --> 00:23:12,640
to some pretty cool uh social media

608
00:23:16,789 --> 00:23:15,360
filters there's uh there's a photo booth

609
00:23:19,590 --> 00:23:16,799
there and where you can take a picture

610
00:23:21,750 --> 00:23:19,600
with uh the mars perseverance rover

611
00:23:24,149 --> 00:23:21,760
uh some some competitions and some other

612
00:23:25,830 --> 00:23:24,159
things so we invite all of you to ride

613
00:23:28,149 --> 00:23:25,840

shotgun along with us starting on

614

00:23:29,110 --> 00:23:28,159

thursday and with that i'm going to hand

615

00:23:31,909 --> 00:23:29,120

it over

616

00:23:33,669 --> 00:23:31,919

to our launch director omar baez

617

00:23:36,549 --> 00:23:33,679

thank you matt

618

00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:36,559

and as everybody else here has has

619

00:23:40,710 --> 00:23:38,400

mentioned um

620

00:23:41,669 --> 00:23:40,720

our situation did change

621

00:23:43,590 --> 00:23:41,679

um

622

00:23:45,430 --> 00:23:43,600

i would have never thought

623

00:23:47,110 --> 00:23:45,440

that um

624

00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:47,120

a launch director would be working from

625

00:23:51,350 --> 00:23:49,120

home

626
00:23:53,510 --> 00:23:51,360
and i've done that for the last

627
00:23:54,789 --> 00:23:53,520
um

628
00:23:56,390 --> 00:23:54,799
five months

629
00:23:58,950 --> 00:23:56,400
and uh

630
00:24:00,789 --> 00:23:58,960
we used to have something called uh

631
00:24:02,149 --> 00:24:00,799
every other year here called take your

632
00:24:03,590 --> 00:24:02,159
kids to work

633
00:24:06,390 --> 00:24:03,600
well guess what

634
00:24:07,750 --> 00:24:06,400
every day was take your kids to work day

635
00:24:10,149 --> 00:24:07,760
and

636
00:24:11,750 --> 00:24:10,159
i bet you it's been an experience uh for

637
00:24:15,830 --> 00:24:11,760
the kids

638
00:24:17,029 --> 00:24:15,840

but it's humbling uh as a parent to see

639

00:24:20,230 --> 00:24:17,039

how

640

00:24:25,990 --> 00:24:23,269

from the range to our partners at jpl to

641

00:24:28,549 --> 00:24:26,000

our partners

642

00:24:31,029 --> 00:24:28,559

ula to our folks at headquarters how we

643

00:24:32,710 --> 00:24:31,039

all had to adjust

644

00:24:35,990 --> 00:24:32,720

to work in this environment and to

645

00:24:38,470 --> 00:24:36,000

collaborate electronically where

646

00:24:40,789 --> 00:24:38,480

before it was a face-to-face

647

00:24:42,950 --> 00:24:40,799

interaction versus you know seeing

648

00:24:45,590 --> 00:24:42,960

somebody's little picture on a

649

00:24:48,310 --> 00:24:45,600

computer screen and voice

650

00:24:50,630 --> 00:24:48,320

and uh even

651
00:24:52,549 --> 00:24:50,640
as simple as a launch readiness review

652
00:24:53,430 --> 00:24:52,559
which we had this morning

653
00:24:54,950 --> 00:24:53,440
uh

654
00:24:56,470 --> 00:24:54,960
where it would have been shoulder to

655
00:24:59,750 --> 00:24:56,480
shoulder that room would have been full

656
00:25:00,950 --> 00:24:59,760
and people standing up in the back

657
00:25:05,590 --> 00:25:00,960
sparse

658
00:25:08,070 --> 00:25:05,600
you had trouble hearing some people

659
00:25:10,230 --> 00:25:08,080
because you're wearing these masks so it

660
00:25:12,390 --> 00:25:10,240
there's a challenge

661
00:25:13,430 --> 00:25:12,400
and a penalty that goes with doing these

662
00:25:16,710 --> 00:25:13,440
things

663
00:25:19,190 --> 00:25:16,720

and i've seen the team react and

664

00:25:21,990 --> 00:25:19,200

overcome all of that and it

665

00:25:25,350 --> 00:25:22,000

makes me very proud

666

00:25:29,669 --> 00:25:27,750

a couple of days from launch

667

00:25:31,590 --> 00:25:29,679

we did complete the launch readiness

668

00:25:33,110 --> 00:25:31,600

review

669

00:25:36,230 --> 00:25:33,120

if i could

670

00:25:39,669 --> 00:25:36,240

have the folks roll a short video here

671

00:25:42,230 --> 00:25:39,679

i'll show you how we're going to get

672

00:25:44,950 --> 00:25:42,240

perseverance to the red planet and it

673

00:25:46,810 --> 00:25:44,960

starts with that right there that's the

674

00:25:48,230 --> 00:25:46,820

atlas 5

675

00:25:50,789 --> 00:25:48,240

[Music]

676
00:25:54,630 --> 00:25:50,799
with its rd180 motors

677
00:25:57,110 --> 00:25:54,640
being stacked into the mlp at the vif

678
00:25:59,590 --> 00:25:57,120
at complex 41.

679
00:26:02,549 --> 00:25:59,600
um that's of

680
00:26:05,029 --> 00:26:02,559
srms going up we're flying four of them

681
00:26:07,269 --> 00:26:05,039
on this mission and that gives

682
00:26:09,669 --> 00:26:07,279
the atlas that extra oomph

683
00:26:10,789 --> 00:26:09,679
it needs to leave the earth's gravity

684
00:26:13,510 --> 00:26:10,799
well

685
00:26:15,590 --> 00:26:13,520
with perseverance and ingenuity there

686
00:26:19,190 --> 00:26:15,600
you see

687
00:26:21,990 --> 00:26:19,200
about the last time we got to see the

688
00:26:24,630 --> 00:26:22,000

rover and helicopter stack

689

00:26:25,909 --> 00:26:24,640

before it got encapsulated and we took

690

00:26:27,909 --> 00:26:25,919

that out to

691

00:26:30,950 --> 00:26:27,919

complex 41 on the

692

00:26:34,149 --> 00:26:32,230

and

693

00:26:36,830 --> 00:26:34,159

stacked it on top of the vehicle got it

694

00:26:41,750 --> 00:26:38,710

environmentally

695

00:26:43,350 --> 00:26:41,760

for planetary protection purposes

696

00:26:45,510 --> 00:26:43,360

we had to

697

00:26:48,789 --> 00:26:45,520

prepare that area to be able to ingress

698

00:26:50,230 --> 00:26:48,799

an egress and on the 24th

699

00:26:53,190 --> 00:26:50,240

of this month we

700

00:26:55,110 --> 00:26:53,200

inserted the rtg which is going to power

701
00:26:58,070 --> 00:26:55,120
the rover on

702
00:27:00,149 --> 00:26:58,080
mars for the next couple of years

703
00:27:04,070 --> 00:27:00,159
and

704
00:27:07,110 --> 00:27:04,080
that remains

705
00:27:08,470 --> 00:27:07,120
is i have three goes to go tomorrow at

706
00:27:10,549 --> 00:27:08,480
eight in morning

707
00:27:13,029 --> 00:27:10,559
i give the go for the vehicle to roll

708
00:27:18,230 --> 00:27:15,750
we take a day of rest after tomorrow to

709
00:27:21,190 --> 00:27:18,240
get synced up with having to come in at

710
00:27:23,669 --> 00:27:21,200
two or three in the morning give a a go

711
00:27:25,190 --> 00:27:23,679
to uh fuel the vehicle

712
00:27:28,230 --> 00:27:25,200
and once we're ready and the

713
00:27:29,909 --> 00:27:28,240

spacecraft's configured one more go and

714

00:27:32,310 --> 00:27:29,919

uh four minutes later

715

00:27:34,630 --> 00:27:32,320

we're going to be flying to mars

716

00:27:36,950 --> 00:27:34,640

and that makes my job really simple

717

00:27:38,149 --> 00:27:36,960

and over to tori to explain the rest of

718

00:27:39,029 --> 00:27:38,159

it

719

00:27:40,470 --> 00:27:39,039

all right

720

00:27:43,510 --> 00:27:40,480

thank you

721

00:27:46,070 --> 00:27:43,520

um i cannot tell you how thrilled we are

722

00:27:48,470 --> 00:27:46,080

to lift perseverance ula and its

723

00:27:51,830 --> 00:27:48,480

heritage rockets have taken every u.s

724

00:27:54,070 --> 00:27:51,840

mission to mars but this one is arguably

725

00:27:56,710 --> 00:27:54,080

the most sophisticated in some ways the

726

00:27:59,430 --> 00:27:56,720

most exciting of all of them

727

00:28:01,990 --> 00:27:59,440

so it will sit atop our mighty atlas in

728

00:28:03,990 --> 00:28:02,000

the 541 configuration

729

00:28:06,950 --> 00:28:04,000

i like to call that one the dominator

730

00:28:07,990 --> 00:28:06,960

because that is our second most powerful

731

00:28:09,029 --> 00:28:08,000

atlas

732

00:28:12,389 --> 00:28:09,039

so

733

00:28:14,230 --> 00:28:12,399

supplementing that core with its 860

734

00:28:17,190 --> 00:28:14,240

thousand pounds of thrust from the rd

735

00:28:20,149 --> 00:28:17,200

180 will be four massive solid rocket

736

00:28:22,549 --> 00:28:20,159

motors that you saw in omar's video each

737

00:28:24,149 --> 00:28:22,559

of them generating another 280 000

738

00:28:27,110 --> 00:28:24,159

pounds of thrust

739

00:28:29,990 --> 00:28:27,120

this rocket is going to leap off the pad

740

00:28:33,190 --> 00:28:30,000

with this relatively tiny payload so do

741

00:28:35,669 --> 00:28:33,200

not blink when they say ignition

742

00:28:36,950 --> 00:28:35,679

now i've got a mission profile video to

743

00:28:38,950 --> 00:28:36,960

show you they'll just kind of walk

744

00:28:41,669 --> 00:28:38,960

through what that flight will look like

745

00:28:42,710 --> 00:28:41,679

if you could run that please

746

00:28:43,669 --> 00:28:42,720

three

747

00:28:44,710 --> 00:28:43,679

two

748

00:28:48,630 --> 00:28:44,720

one

749

00:28:51,669 --> 00:28:48,640

main engine start zero and liftoff of

750

00:28:53,909 --> 00:28:51,679

the atlas v the atlas v rd 180 main

751
00:28:56,389 --> 00:28:53,919
engine and four solid rocket boosters

752
00:28:59,430 --> 00:28:56,399
ignite that generate more than 10.2

753
00:29:01,590 --> 00:28:59,440
million newtons or 2.3 million pounds of

754
00:29:05,669 --> 00:29:01,600
thrust to lift the rocket on its way

755
00:29:07,909 --> 00:29:05,679
towards a hyperbolic escape trajectory

756
00:29:09,750 --> 00:29:07,919
shortly after liftoff atlas begins a

757
00:29:11,669 --> 00:29:09,760
pitchover to attain the proper flight

758
00:29:13,430 --> 00:29:11,679
path while minimizing the dynamic

759
00:29:15,669 --> 00:29:13,440
pressure the vehicle experiences during

760
00:29:18,389 --> 00:29:15,679
flight

761
00:29:21,830 --> 00:29:18,399
the atlas v reaches mach 1 the speed of

762
00:29:24,149 --> 00:29:21,840
sound at 35 seconds

763
00:29:26,950 --> 00:29:24,159

following burnout the four srbs are

764

00:29:28,549 --> 00:29:26,960

jettisoned at one minute 49 seconds

765

00:29:30,870 --> 00:29:28,559

in the next two and a half minutes of

766

00:29:33,909 --> 00:29:30,880

first stage flight the atlas 5 will more

767

00:29:36,549 --> 00:29:33,919

than triple its velocity

768

00:29:39,110 --> 00:29:36,559

at 3 minutes 27 seconds the payload

769

00:29:41,669 --> 00:29:39,120

fairing is jettisoned

770

00:29:43,510 --> 00:29:41,679

at four minutes 22 seconds propellant

771

00:29:46,310 --> 00:29:43,520

levels deplete and the booster engine

772

00:29:49,510 --> 00:29:48,310

the atlas 5 is now traveling at more

773

00:29:53,990 --> 00:29:49,520

than 21

774

00:29:57,510 --> 00:29:54,000

680 kilometers or 13 470 miles per hour

775

00:29:58,909 --> 00:29:57,520

and located nearly 156 kilometers or 97

776

00:30:03,269 --> 00:29:58,919

miles in altitude

777

00:30:05,350 --> 00:30:03,279

497 kilometers or 309 miles downrange

778

00:30:07,430 --> 00:30:05,360

six seconds later the atlas centaur

779

00:30:09,909 --> 00:30:07,440

separation system activates to release

780

00:30:11,909 --> 00:30:09,919

the booster stage the vehicle now weighs

781

00:30:14,389 --> 00:30:11,919

a little more than five percent of what

782

00:30:16,549 --> 00:30:14,399

it did at liftoff

783

00:30:18,950 --> 00:30:16,559

ten seconds later the first burn of the

784

00:30:21,190 --> 00:30:18,960

centaur main engine begins burning

785

00:30:24,310 --> 00:30:21,200

liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen the

786

00:30:25,909 --> 00:30:24,320

centaur is attaining orbital velocity

787

00:30:27,590 --> 00:30:25,919

at approximately eleven and a half

788

00:30:30,630 --> 00:30:27,600

minutes into flight cut off of the

789

00:30:32,950 --> 00:30:30,640

centaur main engine or mikko one occurs

790

00:30:34,789 --> 00:30:32,960

the mission now enters a 30-minute coast

791

00:30:37,269 --> 00:30:34,799

phase in preparation for the earth

792

00:30:41,909 --> 00:30:39,430

the centaur main engine is restarted in

793

00:30:44,310 --> 00:30:41,919

45 minutes this burn provides the

794

00:30:46,870 --> 00:30:44,320

required thrust for centaur to escape

795

00:30:49,190 --> 00:30:46,880

earth orbit

796

00:30:51,669 --> 00:30:49,200

approximately eight minutes later final

797

00:30:55,430 --> 00:30:51,679

cutoff of the centaur main engine occurs

798

00:30:59,509 --> 00:30:57,350

centaur will coast for nearly five

799

00:31:00,950 --> 00:30:59,519

minutes in preparation for spacecraft

800

00:31:03,750 --> 00:31:00,960

separation

801
00:31:05,269 --> 00:31:03,760
at about 57 and a half minutes centaur

802
00:31:07,430 --> 00:31:05,279
releases the spacecraft into a

803
00:31:11,110 --> 00:31:07,440
hyperbolic orbit traveling at more than

804
00:31:14,149 --> 00:31:11,120
41 000 kilometers or nearly 26 000 miles

805
00:31:16,310 --> 00:31:14,159
per hour on a seven-month cruise to mars

806
00:31:18,389 --> 00:31:16,320
where it will seek signs of ancient life

807
00:31:20,630 --> 00:31:18,399
on the red planet and collect rock and

808
00:31:27,269 --> 00:31:20,640
soil samples for possible return to

809
00:31:32,710 --> 00:31:30,230
so the vehicle is sitting atop its

810
00:31:34,789 --> 00:31:32,720
launch platform in our vertical assembly

811
00:31:35,590 --> 00:31:34,799
or vertical integration facility right

812
00:31:37,990 --> 00:31:35,600
now

813
00:31:41,430 --> 00:31:38,000

processing has been going very smoothly

814

00:31:43,110 --> 00:31:41,440

for the last several days so atlas is go

815

00:31:45,590 --> 00:31:43,120

centaur is go

816

00:31:48,149 --> 00:31:45,600

and we are literally chomping at the bit

817

00:31:52,230 --> 00:31:48,159

to take this nuclear-powered dune buggy

818

00:31:56,870 --> 00:31:54,310

fantastic thank you so much next week go

819

00:31:59,750 --> 00:31:56,880

to jessica williams of the 45th space

820

00:32:01,750 --> 00:31:59,760

wing weather officer

821

00:32:04,630 --> 00:32:01,760

overall the weather looks very favorable

822

00:32:06,710 --> 00:32:04,640

for launch thursday morning today we had

823

00:32:09,110 --> 00:32:06,720

a surface ridge of high pressure built

824

00:32:10,789 --> 00:32:09,120

into south florida and what this did for

825

00:32:13,350 --> 00:32:10,799

us is shift the weather pattern from

826

00:32:15,509 --> 00:32:13,360

last week so that we have southwest

827

00:32:17,750 --> 00:32:15,519

winds in the low levels in the mornings

828

00:32:19,909 --> 00:32:17,760

that's offshore winds and this pattern

829

00:32:22,870 --> 00:32:19,919

will persist through this weekend so

830

00:32:24,789 --> 00:32:22,880

through the 48 hour backup window so

831

00:32:26,310 --> 00:32:24,799

this gives us dry mornings with those

832

00:32:28,389 --> 00:32:26,320

offshore winds

833

00:32:30,070 --> 00:32:28,399

but it does give us chances for showers

834

00:32:31,430 --> 00:32:30,080

and thunderstorms in the afternoon and

835

00:32:36,950 --> 00:32:31,440

evening

836

00:32:42,470 --> 00:32:39,509

the chart for the launch day forecast

837

00:32:45,190 --> 00:32:42,480

we should have a 20 percent probability

838

00:32:47,350 --> 00:32:45,200

of violation for the cumulus cloud rule

839

00:32:49,750 --> 00:32:47,360

and the thick cloud layer rule

840

00:32:51,669 --> 00:32:49,760

and this is really just due to a weak

841

00:32:54,310 --> 00:32:51,679

boundary being off the coast of the

842

00:32:56,789 --> 00:32:54,320

southeast so we are expecting to see

843

00:32:59,430 --> 00:32:56,799

isolated to a few scattered showers just

844

00:33:01,350 --> 00:32:59,440

offshore from complex 41 but they will

845

00:33:03,990 --> 00:33:01,360

be moving very little or moving away

846

00:33:06,070 --> 00:33:04,000

from the pad we have that slight chance

847

00:33:07,830 --> 00:33:06,080

of violating for the cumulus cloud rule

848

00:33:10,870 --> 00:33:07,840

and there's also expected to be some

849

00:33:12,950 --> 00:33:10,880

mid-level clouds scattered to broken

850

00:33:15,509 --> 00:33:12,960

associated with this weak boundary off

851
00:33:17,509 --> 00:33:15,519
the coast so we could see just a brief

852
00:33:19,830 --> 00:33:17,519
period of violating the thick cloud

853
00:33:22,710 --> 00:33:19,840
layer rule but again overall it's only

854
00:33:25,350 --> 00:33:22,720
at a 20 percent violation for the

855
00:33:28,630 --> 00:33:25,360
overall two hour window

856
00:33:31,190 --> 00:33:28,640
so if we look at our 24 hour backup

857
00:33:33,269 --> 00:33:31,200
chart again we have offshore winds from

858
00:33:36,070 --> 00:33:33,279
the southwest in the morning 8 to 10

859
00:33:38,149 --> 00:33:36,080
knots we have a 10 percent probability

860
00:33:39,909 --> 00:33:38,159
of violating for the cumulus cloud rule

861
00:33:42,950 --> 00:33:39,919
as that weak boundary off the coast of

862
00:33:45,029 --> 00:33:42,960
the southeast starts to diminish and the

863
00:33:47,350 --> 00:33:45,039

chances for any cumulus clouds in the

864

00:33:51,029 --> 00:33:47,360

flight path over the water just off the

865

00:33:53,269 --> 00:33:51,039

coast reduce from the day before

866

00:33:55,269 --> 00:33:53,279

and if we look at our 48 hour backup

867

00:33:57,190 --> 00:33:55,279

window for saturday morning

868

00:33:59,669 --> 00:33:57,200

the weather still looks favorable with

869

00:34:01,909 --> 00:33:59,679

offshore winds from the southwest or

870

00:34:04,870 --> 00:34:01,919

south from the west really they pick up

871

00:34:08,230 --> 00:34:04,880

a little bit 12 knots with sustained

872

00:34:11,030 --> 00:34:08,240

gusts to 16 knots at 230 feet

873

00:34:13,190 --> 00:34:11,040

however the upper level wind flow does

874

00:34:15,430 --> 00:34:13,200

change and become more from the east and

875

00:34:17,349 --> 00:34:15,440

stronger so if we do see any

876
00:34:18,950 --> 00:34:17,359
showers or thunderstorms over the gulf

877
00:34:20,790 --> 00:34:18,960
stream which is pretty typical for this

878
00:34:22,790 --> 00:34:20,800
time of year in the morning

879
00:34:24,710 --> 00:34:22,800
and if they do produce any anvil clouds

880
00:34:27,190 --> 00:34:24,720
there's just a very slight possibility

881
00:34:28,950 --> 00:34:27,200
of those anvils reaching close to the

882
00:34:31,270 --> 00:34:28,960
coast so that is why we have that 20

883
00:34:33,589 --> 00:34:31,280
percent probability of violation for the

884
00:34:36,310 --> 00:34:33,599
attached and detached anvil cloud rules

885
00:34:38,470 --> 00:34:36,320
for the 48-hour backup day on saturday

886
00:34:40,869 --> 00:34:38,480
morning so again overall we're in a very

887
00:34:42,710 --> 00:34:40,879
favorable weather pattern for a morning

888
00:34:45,510 --> 00:34:42,720

launch time frame for thursday through

889

00:34:49,829 --> 00:34:47,589

thank you so much jessica now where you

890

00:34:52,310 --> 00:34:49,839

start taking questions from reporters

891

00:34:54,310 --> 00:34:52,320

and social media for reporters please

892

00:34:56,629 --> 00:34:54,320

remember to press star one to ask your

893

00:34:59,589 --> 00:34:56,639

questions and those online you can use

894

00:35:01,990 --> 00:34:59,599

the hashtag countdown to mars our first

895

00:35:03,910 --> 00:35:02,000

question comes from marsha dunn of ap

896

00:35:06,950 --> 00:35:03,920

marsha

897

00:35:09,589 --> 00:35:06,960

hi can you hear me yes

898

00:35:12,630 --> 00:35:09,599

hello yes we can hear you marsha

899

00:35:14,829 --> 00:35:12,640

yes great um i cannot remember so much

900

00:35:17,349 --> 00:35:14,839

company on the way to mars as there is

901
00:35:19,910 --> 00:35:17,359
happening uh this year

902
00:35:22,390 --> 00:35:19,920
and i was wondering um if either mr

903
00:35:25,910 --> 00:35:22,400
weinstein or um

904
00:35:28,230 --> 00:35:25,920
dr zurbukin could comment on china and

905
00:35:29,990 --> 00:35:28,240
uh on their way to mars

906
00:35:31,430 --> 00:35:30,000
and how whether there's any sense of

907
00:35:33,910 --> 00:35:31,440
competition

908
00:35:36,310 --> 00:35:33,920
um and is the pressure on now that the

909
00:35:40,550 --> 00:35:36,320
world has two good lunches off and you

910
00:35:46,790 --> 00:35:43,109
sure i'll start um a couple of things

911
00:35:49,109 --> 00:35:46,800
number one uh we welcome more nations uh

912
00:35:51,030 --> 00:35:49,119
taking trips to mars and studying and

913
00:35:53,190 --> 00:35:51,040

delivering the science and sharing the

914

00:35:54,870 --> 00:35:53,200

science with the world that's what

915

00:35:57,190 --> 00:35:54,880

science is all about and of course it's

916

00:35:59,109 --> 00:35:57,200

a very uniting kind of thing

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00:36:01,190 --> 00:35:59,119

i honestly don't see this as a

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00:36:03,670 --> 00:36:01,200

competition at all

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00:36:06,390 --> 00:36:03,680

this is our ninth time to go to mars and

920

00:36:08,310 --> 00:36:06,400

land softly and do robotic experiments

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00:36:10,390 --> 00:36:08,320

and discovery

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00:36:13,190 --> 00:36:10,400

and so we've been doing this now for

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00:36:16,069 --> 00:36:13,200

decades successfully

924

00:36:19,349 --> 00:36:16,079

and of course this mission is by far the

925

00:36:20,950 --> 00:36:19,359

most sophisticated mission ever so

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00:36:22,550 --> 00:36:20,960

i don't see it as a competition but

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00:36:24,710 --> 00:36:22,560

certainly we welcome

928

00:36:26,870 --> 00:36:24,720

more explorers to deliver more science

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00:36:28,310 --> 00:36:26,880

than ever before and we look forward to

930

00:36:31,430 --> 00:36:28,320

seeing what it is that they're able to

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00:36:38,710 --> 00:36:33,270

thanks

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00:36:44,790 --> 00:36:40,470

so he's site now

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00:36:50,150 --> 00:36:46,950

and um i think my question is from matt

934

00:36:52,470 --> 00:36:50,160

wallace uh you mentioned you worked on

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00:36:53,990 --> 00:36:52,480

numerous rovers before and you listed

936

00:36:55,990 --> 00:36:54,000

all the firsts on this mission i'm

937

00:36:58,550 --> 00:36:56,000

curious if you could compare

938

00:37:01,030 --> 00:36:58,560

the complexity and risks associated with

939

00:37:02,310 --> 00:37:01,040

this mission with curiosity and previous

940

00:37:03,670 --> 00:37:02,320

missions you know everyone was kind of

941

00:37:05,670 --> 00:37:03,680

keyed up for

942

00:37:07,270 --> 00:37:05,680

curiosity's landing back in 2012 with

943

00:37:09,109 --> 00:37:07,280

the seven minutes of terror the sky

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00:37:11,430 --> 00:37:09,119

crane was brand new

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00:37:13,270 --> 00:37:11,440

just interested given your experience

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00:37:14,630 --> 00:37:13,280

base and your assessment of the risks

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00:37:16,790 --> 00:37:14,640

and complexity

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00:37:20,310 --> 00:37:16,800

of this mission overall compared to

949

00:37:24,790 --> 00:37:23,030

sure yeah from a complexity perspective

950

00:37:26,710 --> 00:37:24,800

it's clearly a more sophisticated

951
00:37:29,430 --> 00:37:26,720
vehicle as i said we're we're carrying

952
00:37:31,270 --> 00:37:29,440
about 50 percent more surface payload

953
00:37:33,589 --> 00:37:31,280
than curiosity did

954
00:37:35,270 --> 00:37:33,599
and that was by far the most complex

955
00:37:38,150 --> 00:37:35,280
thing we had ever done up until that

956
00:37:40,150 --> 00:37:38,160
time so we're taking this a step further

957
00:37:42,310 --> 00:37:40,160
and and really the sampling system that

958
00:37:44,870 --> 00:37:42,320
we have on this vehicle

959
00:37:46,790 --> 00:37:44,880
because we are collecting um

960
00:37:49,109 --> 00:37:46,800
rocks and soil samples that we

961
00:37:51,349 --> 00:37:49,119
ultimately want to bring back to

962
00:37:53,829 --> 00:37:51,359
to the earth and and look for really

963
00:37:55,190 --> 00:37:53,839

trace chemical signatures from billions

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00:37:56,310 --> 00:37:55,200

of years ago

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00:37:58,390 --> 00:37:56,320

you know

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00:38:00,470 --> 00:37:58,400

very faint signatures

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00:38:01,990 --> 00:38:00,480

the system that we use to collect those

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00:38:03,589 --> 00:38:02,000

samples has to be

969

00:38:04,870 --> 00:38:03,599

immensely clean

970

00:38:07,030 --> 00:38:04,880

and so

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00:38:08,870 --> 00:38:07,040

we had to sterilize it and we had to

972

00:38:10,630 --> 00:38:08,880

clean it from an organics and chemical

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00:38:12,870 --> 00:38:10,640

perspective and we had to keep it that

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00:38:15,670 --> 00:38:12,880

way from all the rest of the systems

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00:38:17,589 --> 00:38:15,680

that that we had to use to get the

976

00:38:20,150 --> 00:38:17,599

the system to mars and so

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00:38:24,630 --> 00:38:20,160

that was from a complexity perspective

978

00:38:27,990 --> 00:38:24,640

um it was really uh another step

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00:38:29,030 --> 00:38:28,000

beyond what we did on on curiosity

980

00:38:31,510 --> 00:38:29,040

um

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00:38:33,030 --> 00:38:31,520

you know from a risk perspective i think

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00:38:35,349 --> 00:38:33,040

one of the

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00:38:36,950 --> 00:38:35,359

still the highest risk portion of all

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00:38:39,190 --> 00:38:36,960

these missions

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00:38:40,470 --> 00:38:39,200

is is a landing process

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00:38:42,310 --> 00:38:40,480

you know you mentioned at the seven

987

00:38:44,710 --> 00:38:42,320

minutes of terror there's really nothing

988

00:38:47,349 --> 00:38:44,720

we can do we hit the

989

00:38:49,270 --> 00:38:47,359

we call it do edl do entry descent

990

00:38:51,030 --> 00:38:49,280

landing we literally send a command to

991

00:38:53,670 --> 00:38:51,040

the spacecraft

992

00:38:55,829 --> 00:38:53,680

that's that says that and uh and then

993

00:38:57,430 --> 00:38:55,839

for the you know the spacecraft on its

994

00:38:58,630 --> 00:38:57,440

own has to get

995

00:39:00,710 --> 00:38:58,640

from uh

996

00:39:02,710 --> 00:39:00,720

out uh you know outside the planet

997

00:39:05,030 --> 00:39:02,720

moving at 12 000 miles an hour all the

998

00:39:07,589 --> 00:39:05,040

way down safely to the surface

999

00:39:09,990 --> 00:39:07,599

without any human interaction and and uh

1000

00:39:11,270 --> 00:39:10,000

it's basically a controlled disassembly

1001
00:39:13,910 --> 00:39:11,280
the whole way

1002
00:39:16,310 --> 00:39:13,920
uh it's by far the most complex or the

1003
00:39:19,910 --> 00:39:18,390
the highest risk portion phase of the

1004
00:39:22,630 --> 00:39:19,920
mission still

1005
00:39:24,550 --> 00:39:22,640
and we have the good fortune on 2020 to

1006
00:39:27,349 --> 00:39:24,560
have leveraged

1007
00:39:28,710 --> 00:39:27,359
the the system that we designed on on

1008
00:39:29,670 --> 00:39:28,720
curiosity

1009
00:39:31,589 --> 00:39:29,680
and so

1010
00:39:33,589 --> 00:39:31,599
not only do we have all the testing

1011
00:39:35,990 --> 00:39:33,599
behind us on this system that we did

1012
00:39:37,990 --> 00:39:36,000
before we launched and landed curiosity

1013
00:39:40,230 --> 00:39:38,000

we have the curiosity flight itself and

1014

00:39:42,390 --> 00:39:40,240

all the telemetry that came back

1015

00:39:43,510 --> 00:39:42,400

and it performed extremely well during

1016

00:39:45,430 --> 00:39:43,520

that mission

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00:39:48,069 --> 00:39:45,440

uh and then we did a whole lot

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00:39:50,230 --> 00:39:48,079

additional testing you know to to launch

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00:39:53,030 --> 00:39:50,240

to launch this spacecraft

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00:39:55,349 --> 00:39:53,040

still no guarantees uh you know our

1021

00:39:57,829 --> 00:39:55,359

hearts will still be beating hard

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00:40:00,150 --> 00:39:57,839

when we get to that point of the mission

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00:40:02,310 --> 00:40:00,160

but i do think um

1024

00:40:04,630 --> 00:40:02,320

it's an advantage that we have and this

1025

00:40:10,470 --> 00:40:04,640

is not a first-time landing system as we

1026
00:40:14,069 --> 00:40:12,230
navigation of course if we landed with

1027
00:40:16,550 --> 00:40:14,079
the curiosity system as it is we

1028
00:40:18,710 --> 00:40:16,560
couldn't go to where we're going right

1029
00:40:20,630 --> 00:40:18,720
that's right yeah i mentioned briefly uh

1030
00:40:23,430 --> 00:40:20,640
before that for the first time we're

1031
00:40:25,270 --> 00:40:23,440
going to use a hazard avoidance system

1032
00:40:28,309 --> 00:40:25,280
autonomous hazard avoidance system we

1033
00:40:30,390 --> 00:40:28,319
call it terrain relative navigation

1034
00:40:32,150 --> 00:40:30,400
and it allows us to go to jezreel crater

1035
00:40:33,910 --> 00:40:32,160
which is a very interesting scientific

1036
00:40:36,069 --> 00:40:33,920
sites because it's got

1037
00:40:38,390 --> 00:40:36,079
a lot of rocks and escarpments and sand

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00:40:40,069 --> 00:40:38,400

dunes and a lot of variation in the

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00:40:42,390 --> 00:40:40,079

terrain and all those things are

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00:40:44,790 --> 00:40:42,400

wonderful for scientists who are looking

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00:40:46,950 --> 00:40:44,800

for stratigraphy and other things

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00:40:48,150 --> 00:40:46,960

but they all represent landing hazards

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00:40:52,309 --> 00:40:48,160

for us

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00:40:54,790 --> 00:40:52,319

and so to get to a scientifically

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00:40:57,349 --> 00:40:54,800

valuable site like jezreel we had to

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00:41:00,950 --> 00:40:57,359

develop a new uh a new hazard avoidance

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00:41:01,750 --> 00:41:00,960

system and uh and and we are flying that

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00:41:06,870 --> 00:41:01,760

it's

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00:41:09,270 --> 00:41:06,880

uses orbital imagery that we have from

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00:41:11,670 --> 00:41:09,280

our other spacecraft

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00:41:14,230 --> 00:41:11,680

we identify hazards on the surface we

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00:41:16,550 --> 00:41:14,240

mark those hazards on a map we load that

1053

00:41:17,910 --> 00:41:16,560

map on the onto the spacecraft and as

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00:41:19,589 --> 00:41:17,920

we're coming down

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00:41:20,870 --> 00:41:19,599

getting close to the planet we take a

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00:41:23,190 --> 00:41:20,880

picture

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00:41:25,510 --> 00:41:23,200

we find ourselves

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00:41:26,390 --> 00:41:25,520

in the hazard map that we've got on

1059

00:41:28,870 --> 00:41:26,400

board

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00:41:31,349 --> 00:41:28,880

and then we divert away from the most

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00:41:33,510 --> 00:41:31,359

significant hazards to the spacecraft

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00:41:35,670 --> 00:41:33,520

and so it does significantly improve our

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00:41:36,630 --> 00:41:35,680

probability of landing in a in a safe

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00:41:39,109 --> 00:41:36,640

way

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00:41:41,190 --> 00:41:39,119

particularly in rough terrain at jezrow

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00:41:42,790 --> 00:41:41,200

this is a system that we've we've tested

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00:41:44,470 --> 00:41:42,800

extensively

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00:41:45,990 --> 00:41:44,480

thomas in particular

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00:41:47,270 --> 00:41:46,000

wanted to make sure

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00:41:51,990 --> 00:41:47,280

that

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00:41:54,950 --> 00:41:52,000

we had all of the necessary checks and

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00:41:55,829 --> 00:41:54,960

balances and and uh rigorous reviews in

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00:41:58,550 --> 00:41:55,839

place

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00:42:00,470 --> 00:41:58,560

uh for this system uh before we uh

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00:42:03,190 --> 00:42:00,480

before we selected jezreel for as a

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00:42:04,870 --> 00:42:03,200

final destination but we we have

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00:42:06,470 --> 00:42:04,880

exercises system

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00:42:08,150 --> 00:42:06,480

out in the desert with simulated

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00:42:10,790 --> 00:42:08,160

landings we have simulation we have

1080

00:42:12,870 --> 00:42:10,800

computer simulations and it just works

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00:42:14,309 --> 00:42:12,880

extremely well it's very powerful and

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00:42:16,550 --> 00:42:14,319

robust system and we have a lot of

1083

00:42:17,510 --> 00:42:16,560

confidence in it

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00:42:19,270 --> 00:42:17,520

thank you

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00:42:24,630 --> 00:42:19,280

our next question comes from jackie

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00:42:31,030 --> 00:42:26,710

yes hello and maybe this question i

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00:42:33,430 --> 00:42:31,040

think is for matt um adding the audio um

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00:42:34,790 --> 00:42:33,440

is a an interesting extra on this

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00:42:37,270 --> 00:42:34,800

mission and i wondered what is the

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00:42:40,069 --> 00:42:37,280

scientific significance of adding this

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00:42:42,150 --> 00:42:40,079

extra sensory dimension to the mission

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00:42:44,309 --> 00:42:42,160

and at what point in the entry descent

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00:42:47,030 --> 00:42:44,319

landing sequence does it kick in thank

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00:42:51,349 --> 00:42:48,950

so we'll turn on the microphone pretty

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00:42:54,150 --> 00:42:51,359

early in the process before we deploy

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00:42:55,589 --> 00:42:54,160

the parachute and and we should be able

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00:42:56,829 --> 00:42:55,599

to hear

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00:42:58,390 --> 00:42:56,839

some of the

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00:43:01,430 --> 00:42:58,400

spacecraft

1100

00:43:03,030 --> 00:43:01,440

pyrotechnic events and separation events

1101
00:43:05,349 --> 00:43:03,040
perhaps the

1102
00:43:07,109 --> 00:43:05,359
you know the atmosphere

1103
00:43:10,790 --> 00:43:07,119
at some level

1104
00:43:12,710 --> 00:43:10,800
interacting with the spacecraft itself

1105
00:43:14,870 --> 00:43:12,720
so we turn it on pretty early in the

1106
00:43:17,750 --> 00:43:14,880
entry descent and landing system

1107
00:43:20,470 --> 00:43:17,760
uh the microphone we expect to survive

1108
00:43:21,430 --> 00:43:20,480
landing and to also be usable uh on the

1109
00:43:23,270 --> 00:43:21,440
surface

1110
00:43:26,870 --> 00:43:23,280
it's a we have two microphones actually

1111
00:43:29,190 --> 00:43:26,880
i'm talking about a a general a general

1112
00:43:30,950 --> 00:43:29,200
engineering microphone now and and we do

1113
00:43:34,150 --> 00:43:30,960

think that that microphone

1114

00:43:35,990 --> 00:43:34,160

will be able to hear our uh big rotary

1115

00:43:38,790 --> 00:43:36,000

percussive drill out on the end of the

1116

00:43:39,589 --> 00:43:38,800

robot arm as it jackhammers its way into

1117

00:43:42,309 --> 00:43:39,599

uh

1118

00:43:44,550 --> 00:43:42,319

into rocks as well as

1119

00:43:45,910 --> 00:43:44,560

the wheels crunching over the surface of

1120

00:43:47,510 --> 00:43:45,920

mars

1121

00:43:48,710 --> 00:43:47,520

we think we'll be able to hear those

1122

00:43:50,790 --> 00:43:48,720

things

1123

00:43:53,109 --> 00:43:50,800

from an engineering

1124

00:43:55,430 --> 00:43:53,119

diagnostic perspective we're not quite

1125

00:43:57,109 --> 00:43:55,440

sure you know how it will help us that's

1126

00:43:59,030 --> 00:43:57,119

something we're going to have to

1127

00:44:01,190 --> 00:43:59,040

understand i think as we get some

1128

00:44:03,270 --> 00:44:01,200

experience with it there is a second

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00:44:05,829 --> 00:44:03,280

microphone it's mounted on the top of

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00:44:07,190 --> 00:44:05,839

the mast and it's associated with one of

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00:44:08,950 --> 00:44:07,200

our instruments

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00:44:11,190 --> 00:44:08,960

an instrument is

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00:44:12,069 --> 00:44:11,200

called super cam

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00:44:14,550 --> 00:44:12,079

and

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00:44:16,710 --> 00:44:14,560

it's a laser breakdown spectrometer

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00:44:18,230 --> 00:44:16,720

essentially it fires a laser and as the

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00:44:20,790 --> 00:44:18,240

laser goes out it creates a little

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00:44:23,270 --> 00:44:20,800

plasma cloud with the rocks and the dust

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00:44:25,829 --> 00:44:23,280

that interact interacts with

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00:44:28,150 --> 00:44:25,839

and uh and you when we when we fire this

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00:44:30,309 --> 00:44:28,160

in our test pads uh or in atlo you can

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00:44:32,630 --> 00:44:30,319

hear a pop you know you can hear the zap

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00:44:35,190 --> 00:44:32,640

almost and uh the science community is

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00:44:38,150 --> 00:44:35,200

hoping with that targeted microphone up

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00:44:40,230 --> 00:44:38,160

on the top of the uh the top of the mast

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00:44:41,990 --> 00:44:40,240

that they will learn something about the

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00:44:43,589 --> 00:44:42,000

um

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00:44:46,309 --> 00:44:43,599

about the composition

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00:44:48,470 --> 00:44:46,319

of the um of the things that the the

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00:44:50,069 --> 00:44:48,480

laser is interacting with

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00:44:51,510 --> 00:44:50,079

in particular but it's a little bit of

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00:44:52,950 --> 00:44:51,520

an experiment you know we haven't done

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00:44:54,630 --> 00:44:52,960

this before it's the first time we've

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00:44:56,950 --> 00:44:54,640

taken this uh

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00:44:59,270 --> 00:44:56,960

this human sense to mars and uh and

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00:45:01,510 --> 00:44:59,280

exercised it so we're gonna find out i

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00:45:03,349 --> 00:45:01,520

think we're gonna learn as we go

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00:45:06,150 --> 00:45:03,359

thank you sure

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00:45:10,069 --> 00:45:06,160

thank you jackie our next question is

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00:45:12,150 --> 00:45:10,079

comes from irene klotz of aviation week

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00:45:13,430 --> 00:45:12,160

thanks very much um i think this is all

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00:45:17,109 --> 00:45:13,440

good for matt

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00:45:20,150 --> 00:45:17,119

have the repositioning of the nafta 3

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00:45:21,990 --> 00:45:20,160

mars orbiters already begun to be able

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00:45:25,430 --> 00:45:22,000

to

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00:45:30,230 --> 00:45:25,440

provide i guess as real-time columns as

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00:45:33,510 --> 00:45:31,829

i'm not quite sure i heard the entire

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00:45:35,430 --> 00:45:33,520

question but i think it's related to the

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00:45:37,349 --> 00:45:35,440

the nasa orbiters and their their

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00:45:38,309 --> 00:45:37,359

support role for entry descent and

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00:45:40,390 --> 00:45:38,319

landing

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00:45:42,950 --> 00:45:40,400

uh communications is that

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00:45:45,030 --> 00:45:42,960

yeah if that repositioning if any has

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00:45:48,309 --> 00:45:45,040

already started or when you expect to do

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00:45:50,630 --> 00:45:48,319

that and which orbiters will be used

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00:45:53,109 --> 00:45:50,640
so we're primarily going to use the mars

1177
00:45:54,470 --> 00:45:53,119
reconnaissance orbiter mro

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00:45:55,670 --> 00:45:54,480
for entry descent and landing

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00:45:56,870 --> 00:45:55,680
communications

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00:45:59,270 --> 00:45:56,880
[Music]

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00:46:01,670 --> 00:45:59,280
and it has a minor amount of

1182
00:46:03,750 --> 00:46:01,680
repositioning as you mentioned uh that

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00:46:06,150 --> 00:46:03,760
that'll be required uh so that it's

1184
00:46:09,190 --> 00:46:06,160
exactly overhead when we land at jezebel

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00:46:11,430 --> 00:46:09,200
crater and uh i do not believe that that

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00:46:12,710 --> 00:46:11,440
repositioning has has quite started yet

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00:46:13,990 --> 00:46:12,720
but

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00:46:19,270 --> 00:46:14,000

we've got plenty of time to get that

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00:46:22,790 --> 00:46:20,870

thank you we're going to take some

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00:46:25,829 --> 00:46:22,800

questions from social media

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00:46:27,349 --> 00:46:25,839

our first one comes from jk um

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00:46:29,750 --> 00:46:27,359

trenzynski

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00:46:32,069 --> 00:46:29,760

um

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00:46:39,990 --> 00:46:32,079

what sort of data would perseverance

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00:46:44,710 --> 00:46:42,150

variants gather on the mars surface well

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00:46:47,349 --> 00:46:44,720

we've talked a lot i think about the um

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00:46:48,309 --> 00:46:47,359

the the science mission uh of the

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00:46:51,030 --> 00:46:48,319

project

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00:46:54,150 --> 00:46:51,040

and uh um you know uh thomas did you

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00:46:56,069 --> 00:46:54,160

want to go ahead and say a few words

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00:46:57,589 --> 00:46:56,079
amazing question that's why we're going

1202
00:46:59,109 --> 00:46:57,599
there i think the other thing i want to

1203
00:47:01,510 --> 00:46:59,119
say there's an uh

1204
00:47:03,510 --> 00:47:01,520
a show right after this really focused

1205
00:47:05,430 --> 00:47:03,520
on science with all details but you know

1206
00:47:07,109 --> 00:47:05,440
if you look back from you know

1207
00:47:09,030 --> 00:47:07,119
look at the data that we're going to i

1208
00:47:11,430 --> 00:47:09,040
got or we you talked about

1209
00:47:12,950 --> 00:47:11,440
the weather instrument kind of the the

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00:47:14,950 --> 00:47:12,960
meta that is standing there and there's

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00:47:17,829 --> 00:47:14,960
really a weather station uh or right

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00:47:20,150 --> 00:47:17,839
there in uh chess road crater uh you go

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00:47:22,069 --> 00:47:20,160

look at the cameras there's uh uh

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00:47:24,230 --> 00:47:22,079

numerous cameras today you talked about

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00:47:25,990 --> 00:47:24,240

super cam there's a there's another

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00:47:27,910 --> 00:47:26,000

camera that is uh you know it from a

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00:47:29,910 --> 00:47:27,920

point of view of field of view and

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00:47:31,030 --> 00:47:29,920

resolution really quite unprecedented

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00:47:33,030 --> 00:47:31,040

then you have

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00:47:33,910 --> 00:47:33,040

uh the instruments that are looking at

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00:47:38,630 --> 00:47:33,920

uh

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00:47:41,589 --> 00:47:38,640

remotely some of them by looking at

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00:47:44,309 --> 00:47:41,599

samples and uh really actually equipping

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00:47:46,390 --> 00:47:44,319

us to gather the right samples to

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00:47:47,190 --> 00:47:46,400

actually gather them and put them into

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00:47:49,270 --> 00:47:47,200
these

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00:47:51,589 --> 00:47:49,280
very clean sample tubes to bring back

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00:47:53,750 --> 00:47:51,599
you know everything i would argue is set

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00:47:55,430 --> 00:47:53,760
up for that to really get is that the

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00:47:57,990 --> 00:47:55,440
ultimate data do you want to gather are

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00:48:01,109 --> 00:47:58,000
these samples i mean for us those are

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00:48:03,270 --> 00:48:01,119
the most precious uh samples uh that uh

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00:48:05,349 --> 00:48:03,280
we believe we've had as humans in terms

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00:48:07,190 --> 00:48:05,359
of uh samples of nature

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00:48:09,030 --> 00:48:07,200
of really answering this important

1236
00:48:11,670 --> 00:48:09,040
question of astrobiology the other

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00:48:13,270 --> 00:48:11,680
administrator talked about that is the

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00:48:15,829 --> 00:48:13,280

ultimate uh

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00:48:17,990 --> 00:48:15,839

you know data not only the sample itself

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00:48:20,549 --> 00:48:18,000

but the context in which this sample is

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00:48:22,870 --> 00:48:20,559

collected we learned from geology here

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00:48:25,829 --> 00:48:22,880

we learned from the important analysis

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00:48:28,470 --> 00:48:25,839

uh in every environment uh that that in

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00:48:30,230 --> 00:48:28,480

fact that context is very important for

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00:48:32,150 --> 00:48:30,240

the interpretation thereof but i just

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00:48:33,270 --> 00:48:32,160

want to block the session later what did

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00:48:35,430 --> 00:48:33,280

i miss man

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00:48:37,030 --> 00:48:35,440

no i think you hit most of it as as

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00:48:38,470 --> 00:48:37,040

thomas said we have very powerful

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00:48:41,430 --> 00:48:38,480

spectrometers out on the end of the

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00:48:43,750 --> 00:48:41,440
robot arm we'll be able to look at the

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00:48:45,910 --> 00:48:43,760
at the rock at a spatial resolution of

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00:48:47,030 --> 00:48:45,920
100 microns which is tiny and really

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00:48:48,710 --> 00:48:47,040
understand

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00:48:51,670 --> 00:48:48,720
from spot to spot you know how the

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00:48:53,670 --> 00:48:51,680
chemical composition of the rock changes

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00:48:55,589 --> 00:48:53,680
we've got spectrometers up on the top of

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00:48:57,829 --> 00:48:55,599
the the mast which i mentioned the

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00:49:01,030 --> 00:48:57,839
supercam we've got zoom cameras up there

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00:49:03,670 --> 00:49:01,040
as well we've got the weather station

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00:49:05,270 --> 00:49:03,680
we also have a subsurface radar sounder

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00:49:07,430 --> 00:49:05,280
for the first time on the surface of

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00:49:09,829 --> 00:49:07,440

mars which will help us understand

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00:49:11,190 --> 00:49:09,839

contextually the geography of the

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00:49:13,190 --> 00:49:11,200

landing site

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00:49:15,670 --> 00:49:13,200

that's the norwegian provided

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00:49:18,230 --> 00:49:15,680

radar which i mentioned before

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00:49:20,470 --> 00:49:18,240

so um so we have a very very powerful

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00:49:23,030 --> 00:49:20,480

suite of instruments that will help us

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00:49:25,829 --> 00:49:23,040

do exactly what thomas said which is

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00:49:27,510 --> 00:49:25,839

find the right samples to collect

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00:49:28,470 --> 00:49:27,520

you know we can't bring back a lot you

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00:49:31,349 --> 00:49:28,480

know

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00:49:32,950 --> 00:49:31,359

a lot of material when when we bring

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00:49:34,549 --> 00:49:32,960

these samples back and so we want to

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00:49:35,829 --> 00:49:34,559

make sure we've gone to the right site

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00:49:37,910 --> 00:49:35,839

we want to make sure we've picked the

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00:49:40,069 --> 00:49:37,920

right targets and we want to make sure

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00:49:42,630 --> 00:49:40,079

we understand the context and the

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00:49:45,270 --> 00:49:42,640

chemistry of those targets when we bring

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00:49:47,589 --> 00:49:45,280

them back

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so when you talk about what is the data

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00:49:50,069 --> 00:49:49,040

that's coming back

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00:49:52,950 --> 00:49:50,079

um you know

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00:49:55,349 --> 00:49:52,960

you mentioned spec uh spectroscopy the

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00:49:58,470 --> 00:49:55,359

idea that you can shoot energy into a

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00:50:00,630 --> 00:49:58,480

material think of radio waves

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or in this case you know it could be

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light waves or infrared waves and then

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certain wavelengths

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bounce back and other wavelengths are

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absorbed and based on that we can make

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00:50:12,630 --> 00:50:11,040

determinations as to

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00:50:15,190 --> 00:50:12,640

the chemical composition of the

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00:50:16,470 --> 00:50:15,200

materials and here on earth what we have

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been studying

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is the chemical composition of materials

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where we know

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those chemicals that chemical

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00:50:27,430 --> 00:50:24,559

composition was a result

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00:50:28,950 --> 00:50:27,440
of ancient life here on earth so we're

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00:50:31,670 --> 00:50:28,960
taking what we've learned from our own

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00:50:33,990 --> 00:50:31,680
planet and we're applying it to another

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00:50:35,349 --> 00:50:34,000
planet to make determinations as to

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00:50:37,750 --> 00:50:35,359
whether or not

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00:50:39,910 --> 00:50:37,760
there was maybe at one time

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00:50:43,510 --> 00:50:39,920
biology might you know we're talking

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00:50:44,549 --> 00:50:43,520
about microbial kind of organisms on on

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00:50:45,910 --> 00:50:44,559
mars

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00:50:48,950 --> 00:50:45,920
and and then once we make that

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00:50:50,630 --> 00:50:48,960
determination we know kidding cash a

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00:50:52,710 --> 00:50:50,640
sample if we think it's a high

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00:50:54,470 --> 00:50:52,720

probability that there could have been

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00:50:57,829 --> 00:50:54,480

life in that place

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00:51:01,109 --> 00:50:57,839

we we cash a sample so that one day four

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00:51:03,349 --> 00:51:01,119

years from now or i should say uh 2026

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00:51:04,710 --> 00:51:03,359

six years from now we can bring it back

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00:51:07,190 --> 00:51:04,720

uh to earth

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00:51:09,109 --> 00:51:07,200

um and and study it and and actually

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00:51:10,230 --> 00:51:09,119

make a note no kidding determination

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00:51:13,349 --> 00:51:10,240

whether or not

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00:51:15,829 --> 00:51:13,359

humans um or i should say earth is the

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only place uh in our own solar system

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00:51:19,990 --> 00:51:17,760

that that has the capability of hosting

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00:51:21,510 --> 00:51:20,000

life and uh that's that's i think one of

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00:51:23,430 --> 00:51:21,520

the most exciting things about this

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00:51:26,069 --> 00:51:23,440

mission so thank you bettina and thank

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00:51:27,670 --> 00:51:26,079

you all um in many ways you've answered

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our next question from social media

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ralph bennett asks

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why do we need another rover there what

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more can we learn from mars

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well there's a lot i'll let you guys i

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think it's precisely that you know

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what's really interesting is like every

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time

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we build a rover and you send it we send

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it there

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with it go a number of questions that we

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have for example spirit and opportunity

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you talked about it matt earlier or

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questions about water the history of

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water

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at the surface of mars so the entire

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instrument complement was laid out for

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that curiosity was about really trying

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to understand uh the composition and

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order any organics right many questions

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that were open and you know and really

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what we're learning from curiosity and

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there's surprises even today that the

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level of complexity and some of these

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uh organics is much higher now it turns

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out the more complex means the more

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00:52:26,470 --> 00:52:24,480

complex the more life kind of the more

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the likelihood to life so that's why

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that's such an important characteristics

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and so so now what what uh perseverance

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is is really

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i would argue the first and we've said

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it uh the administrator said it earlier

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the first mission that really had at its

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core the question about life

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astrobiology

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and therefore the instruments are very

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different um for that and it's it's i

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would argue

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very hard to imagine coming up with that

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instrument complement and that location

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without

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the other insights that we got from

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these other uh missions before the ones

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i mentioned as well as uh uh others and

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so for us uh

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it's a very different i mean it's you

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know in science when you peel back a

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layer it's not like an onion with a the

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layer that comes from below it looks

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00:53:16,470 --> 00:53:15,359
like the layer above it's a very

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different

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00:53:20,549 --> 00:53:18,400
set of questions that are there and you

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00:53:23,829 --> 00:53:20,559
know we're peeling back that on in and

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00:53:25,910 --> 00:53:23,839
frankly going after a question that

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00:53:28,150 --> 00:53:25,920
humans over millennia have asked and

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00:53:30,069 --> 00:53:28,160
we're answering for the first time with

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00:53:32,630 --> 00:53:30,079
the tools of science potentially the

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00:53:34,710 --> 00:53:32,640
best way we can i mean for for me that's

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00:53:37,190 --> 00:53:34,720

what it's about i mean that's i mean

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that question it's an old question like

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you go read old philosophers of the past

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the greeks wherever the culture is the

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00:53:46,390 --> 00:53:44,640

people have asked those questions we're

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we're starting to address it with the

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00:53:49,829 --> 00:53:47,839

instruments that are there that's the

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00:53:51,829 --> 00:53:49,839

amazing part of it

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very exciting we're going to go to

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another question from our reporters on

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the line mike wahl of space.com

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mike

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thank you all um

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this one's probably again for

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00:54:06,790 --> 00:54:05,280

for yeah for matt um like you mentioned

1403

00:54:08,549 --> 00:54:06,800

you had to pull off sort of like a magic

1404

00:54:10,069 --> 00:54:08,559

trick with ingenuity to sort of make it

1405

00:54:12,630 --> 00:54:10,079

fit could you go into a little more

1406

00:54:14,950 --> 00:54:12,640

detail about what you needed to do and

1407

00:54:17,990 --> 00:54:14,960

what what the exact challenges were sort

1408

00:54:19,109 --> 00:54:18,000

of posed by by that additional payload

1409

00:54:20,710 --> 00:54:19,119

thank you

1410

00:54:21,990 --> 00:54:20,720

can i start this one if it's all right

1411

00:54:24,630 --> 00:54:22,000

bettina

1412

00:54:26,630 --> 00:54:24,640

so this is probably my fault matt and i

1413

00:54:29,030 --> 00:54:26,640

and i and i apologize

1414

00:54:32,150 --> 00:54:29,040

uh thomas derbuchen brought this into

1415

00:54:34,470 --> 00:54:32,160

the into the administrator's suite uh in

1416

00:54:35,750 --> 00:54:34,480

my early days uh as being the nasa

1417

00:54:37,990 --> 00:54:35,760

administrator

1418

00:54:40,710 --> 00:54:38,000

and he had this you know this you know

1419

00:54:43,190 --> 00:54:40,720

hey what if we were to do this and

1420

00:54:45,109 --> 00:54:43,200

um i i loved it

1421

00:54:46,710 --> 00:54:45,119

and i told thomas whatever you can do to

1422

00:54:49,510 --> 00:54:46,720

make that happen i'm all for it and of

1423

00:54:52,309 --> 00:54:49,520

course thomas uh brought that to you and

1424

00:54:53,030 --> 00:54:52,319

so i know it was uh not easy to get done

1425

00:54:56,470 --> 00:54:53,040

but

1426

00:54:58,309 --> 00:54:56,480

i will tell you i i sent a tweet about

1427

00:54:59,910 --> 00:54:58,319

it wasn't called ingenuity at the time

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00:55:02,309 --> 00:54:59,920

it was just called the mars helicopter

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00:55:04,789 --> 00:55:02,319

but i sent a tweet about it on like a

1430

00:55:06,150 --> 00:55:04,799

friday afternoon at 5 pm

1431

00:55:07,910 --> 00:55:06,160

and i didn't have a lot of twitter

1432

00:55:10,230 --> 00:55:07,920

followers at the time and i sent a tweet

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00:55:12,150 --> 00:55:10,240

and it was like within within an hour or

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00:55:13,190 --> 00:55:12,160

two there's 5 000 retweets i mean it

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00:55:14,710 --> 00:55:13,200

just kind of

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00:55:17,510 --> 00:55:14,720

caught fire and everybody and then all

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00:55:19,510 --> 00:55:17,520

the media started covering it was a very

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00:55:21,910 --> 00:55:19,520

exciting moment so anyway i know it was

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00:55:23,910 --> 00:55:21,920

difficult want you to know how much i

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00:55:26,789 --> 00:55:23,920

appreciate all the work that you've done

1441

00:55:28,870 --> 00:55:26,799

so go ahead i i'll say i remember an

1442

00:55:29,990 --> 00:55:28,880

all hands meeting where we were right

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00:55:32,710 --> 00:55:30,000

after we were asked to try to

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00:55:34,870 --> 00:55:32,720

accommodate the the helicopter and you

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00:55:36,789 --> 00:55:34,880

know some of the managers were kind of

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00:55:38,870 --> 00:55:36,799

scratching their heads and and wondering

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00:55:41,190 --> 00:55:38,880

how we were going to do this and i asked

1448

00:55:43,430 --> 00:55:41,200

for a show of hands from our own team

1449

00:55:44,789 --> 00:55:43,440

who would like to see the helicopter on

1450

00:55:47,030 --> 00:55:44,799

on this mission and pretty much every

1451

00:55:48,950 --> 00:55:47,040

hand went up so you know

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00:55:51,990 --> 00:55:48,960

even the people that had to figure it

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00:55:52,789 --> 00:55:52,000

out were excited by uh by the project

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00:55:57,349 --> 00:55:52,799

and

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00:55:59,190 --> 00:55:57,359

unusual payload you know it's uh it's

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00:56:01,430 --> 00:55:59,200

very lightweight you know

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00:56:03,829 --> 00:56:01,440

because it has to fly in this

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00:56:05,910 --> 00:56:03,839

very low density air it's got these big

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00:56:07,910 --> 00:56:05,920

stiff carbon fiber

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00:56:09,990 --> 00:56:07,920

blades that sit out that have to be

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00:56:12,549 --> 00:56:10,000

protected from the debris that we kick

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00:56:14,470 --> 00:56:12,559

up for instance during entry descent and

1463

00:56:17,109 --> 00:56:14,480

landing

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00:56:19,990 --> 00:56:17,119

it's got legs that that have to fold up

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00:56:21,190 --> 00:56:20,000

and then have to be deployed out um

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00:56:23,030 --> 00:56:21,200

and uh

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00:56:24,630 --> 00:56:23,040

you know and we had to we you know

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00:56:26,390 --> 00:56:24,640

essentially the rover was full the

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00:56:28,150 --> 00:56:26,400

inside of the vehicle which is where we

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00:56:29,910 --> 00:56:28,160

have most of our

1471

00:56:31,910 --> 00:56:29,920

electronic systems

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00:56:33,670 --> 00:56:31,920

so that we can keep them warm

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00:56:34,950 --> 00:56:33,680

that was full the top of the vehicle was

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00:56:39,030 --> 00:56:34,960

pretty much

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00:56:41,430 --> 00:56:39,040

uh overpopulated already and so uh and

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00:56:44,069 --> 00:56:41,440

we had to we had to come up with a way

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00:56:45,910 --> 00:56:44,079

of uh accommodating it and ultimately we

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00:56:47,589 --> 00:56:45,920

decided to put it up under the belly of

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00:56:49,750 --> 00:56:47,599

the the vehicle

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00:56:51,510 --> 00:56:49,760

it turns out that the belly pan is is a

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00:56:54,150 --> 00:56:51,520

pretty separable thing we kind of take

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00:56:55,589 --> 00:56:54,160

that belly pan off and we can give it to

1483

00:56:57,349 --> 00:56:55,599

the team that was developing the

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00:56:59,190 --> 00:56:57,359

accommodation engineering systems for

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00:57:01,829 --> 00:56:59,200

the helicopter and they

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00:57:04,710 --> 00:57:01,839

and they used some of our existing um

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00:57:06,789 --> 00:57:04,720

actuators motors and things like that we

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00:57:08,870 --> 00:57:06,799

sort of hunted around for available uh

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00:57:10,630 --> 00:57:08,880

spare flight hardware

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00:57:13,510 --> 00:57:10,640

to figure out how we could do it and get

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00:57:14,309 --> 00:57:13,520

it on the vehicle in a way that

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00:57:16,549 --> 00:57:14,319

one

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00:57:17,750 --> 00:57:16,559

kept the helicopter safe

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00:57:20,309 --> 00:57:17,760

and two

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00:57:22,549 --> 00:57:20,319

allowed us to

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00:57:24,710 --> 00:57:22,559

deploy it off of the vehicle in a way

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00:57:25,750 --> 00:57:24,720

that it wouldn't represent a risk or a

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00:57:28,230 --> 00:57:25,760

threat

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00:57:30,470 --> 00:57:28,240

to the rest of the mission we called it

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00:57:32,309 --> 00:57:30,480

the objective essentially was do no harm

1501
00:57:35,270 --> 00:57:32,319
to the primary mission because this was

1502
00:57:38,069 --> 00:57:35,280
an extra technology experiment

1503
00:57:39,910 --> 00:57:38,079
and and beyond that our team was

1504
00:57:41,510 --> 00:57:39,920
over subscribed you know just with

1505
00:57:44,150 --> 00:57:41,520
engineering challenges ourselves with

1506
00:57:46,789 --> 00:57:44,160
the sampling system and the instruments

1507
00:57:48,549 --> 00:57:46,799
and so we made a we made a phone call

1508
00:57:50,870 --> 00:57:48,559
and one of our system contractors

1509
00:57:52,390 --> 00:57:50,880
lockheed martin in denver stepped up to

1510
00:57:54,630 --> 00:57:52,400
the plate

1511
00:57:57,030 --> 00:57:54,640
we provided them a basic design and some

1512
00:57:59,109 --> 00:57:57,040
hardware and some engineering support

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00:58:00,630 --> 00:57:59,119

and we were able to figure out how to

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00:58:01,589 --> 00:58:00,640

how to accommodate it underneath the

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00:58:02,630 --> 00:58:01,599

vehicle

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00:58:05,430 --> 00:58:02,640

and then we went through a lot of

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00:58:07,430 --> 00:58:05,440

testing to make sure in fact that

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00:58:09,190 --> 00:58:07,440

that it would deploy that it was still

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00:58:11,030 --> 00:58:09,200

appropriately and it would deploy safely

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00:58:12,549 --> 00:58:11,040

on the surface of mars and then of

1521

00:58:14,630 --> 00:58:12,559

course we still had to figure out how to

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00:58:16,150 --> 00:58:14,640

operate it once we got it there

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00:58:17,030 --> 00:58:16,160

and i think we we're working through

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00:58:21,430 --> 00:58:17,040

those

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00:58:23,190 --> 00:58:21,440

so we'll be ready to go when it's time

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00:58:25,750 --> 00:58:23,200

to fly the helicopter on mars but it

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00:58:27,829 --> 00:58:25,760

wasn't easy

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00:58:29,990 --> 00:58:27,839

fantastic we're going to take our last

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00:58:32,150 --> 00:58:30,000

question from leo enright of irish

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00:58:34,950 --> 00:58:32,160

television leo

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00:58:37,750 --> 00:58:34,960

thanks bettina and indeed thanks to mike

1532

00:58:40,150 --> 00:58:37,760

wall mike matt wallace and

1533

00:58:42,549 --> 00:58:40,160

uh and to dr zabrukan for their

1534

00:58:44,950 --> 00:58:42,559

wonderful uh contributions but my

1535

00:58:45,829 --> 00:58:44,960

question is for the administrator

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00:58:50,950 --> 00:58:45,839

um

1537

00:58:53,030 --> 00:58:50,960

mars 2020 is basically mars 2026

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00:58:55,270 --> 00:58:53,040

um and i'm going to ask a political

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00:58:57,670 --> 00:58:55,280

question which i think i can ask because

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00:58:59,910 --> 00:58:57,680

i'm an ocean away so nobody is going to

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00:59:00,710 --> 00:58:59,920

think i've got an agenda

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00:59:02,630 --> 00:59:00,720

um

1543

00:59:05,990 --> 00:59:02,640

a lot of your international partners

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00:59:07,990 --> 00:59:06,000

will be wondering will you be willing to

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00:59:10,549 --> 00:59:08,000

continue to serve

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00:59:13,109 --> 00:59:10,559

as nasa administrator

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00:59:17,510 --> 00:59:13,119

no matter who gets elected in november

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00:59:22,549 --> 00:59:20,630

look uh you know my job right now is is

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00:59:24,630 --> 00:59:22,559

to do these stunning achievements on

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00:59:26,870 --> 00:59:24,640

behalf of the united states of america

1551
00:59:28,069 --> 00:59:26,880
and uh look i appreciate the question

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00:59:29,829 --> 00:59:28,079
but um

1553
00:59:30,870 --> 00:59:29,839
look i serve at the pleasure of the

1554
00:59:32,630 --> 00:59:30,880
president

1555
00:59:33,829 --> 00:59:32,640
i serve at the pleasure of the current

1556
00:59:35,589 --> 00:59:33,839
president and

1557
00:59:37,910 --> 00:59:35,599
i think it's important that the next

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00:59:39,430 --> 00:59:37,920
president have the per has the the nasa

1559
00:59:40,230 --> 00:59:39,440
administrator that

1560
00:59:46,390 --> 00:59:40,240
um

1561
00:59:47,829 --> 00:59:46,400
united states works the nasa

1562
00:59:49,829 --> 00:59:47,839
administrator is selected by the

1563
00:59:51,750 --> 00:59:49,839

president i think it's important

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00:59:53,750 --> 00:59:51,760

you have to have that relationship look

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00:59:55,910 --> 00:59:53,760

at look at what we're doing right now

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00:59:57,589 --> 00:59:55,920

we've got the artemis program which we

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00:59:59,349 --> 00:59:57,599

which we have reestablished that we're

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01:00:01,510 --> 00:59:59,359

going to the moon sustainably that we're

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01:00:03,589 --> 01:00:01,520

going with a purpose to get to mars

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01:00:05,670 --> 01:00:03,599

and because of that

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01:00:07,510 --> 01:00:05,680

we we've had we've had really big budget

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01:00:09,829 --> 01:00:07,520

requests the president of the united

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01:00:12,710 --> 01:00:09,839

states has put on the table the biggest

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01:00:14,870 --> 01:00:12,720

budget that nasa has ever had in nominal

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01:00:17,430 --> 01:00:14,880

dollars ever now of course in real

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01:00:19,030 --> 01:00:17,440

dollars apollo was was bigger

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01:00:20,150 --> 01:00:19,040

but we're heading the right direction

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01:00:21,910 --> 01:00:20,160

and um

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01:00:23,190 --> 01:00:21,920

that's because the the president of the

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01:00:24,870 --> 01:00:23,200

united states

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01:00:25,910 --> 01:00:24,880

trust the nasa administrator and i would

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01:00:28,150 --> 01:00:25,920

recommend

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01:00:30,309 --> 01:00:28,160

to whoever the president is at any point

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01:00:32,309 --> 01:00:30,319

in time pick a nasa administrator that

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01:00:36,069 --> 01:00:32,319

you trust to get the job done period end

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01:00:37,750 --> 01:00:36,079

of story um and look um i've had the

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01:00:39,270 --> 01:00:37,760

time of my life in this job i'm not

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01:00:40,309 --> 01:00:39,280

going to lie it's the greatest job i've

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01:00:41,910 --> 01:00:40,319

ever had

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01:00:44,150 --> 01:00:41,920

but i think there's a time when it's

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01:00:45,829 --> 01:00:44,160

it's somebody else's turn and i am i am

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01:00:47,990 --> 01:00:45,839

under no illusions that i'm the only one

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01:00:50,549 --> 01:00:48,000

capable of doing this job so

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01:00:52,309 --> 01:00:50,559

um there's a lot of people that um would

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01:00:54,710 --> 01:00:52,319

be even better than me and and we'll

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01:00:56,789 --> 01:00:54,720

leave it at that so um thank you thank

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01:00:58,950 --> 01:00:56,799

you for the question

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01:01:00,630 --> 01:00:58,960

thank you leo um with that we're going

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01:01:02,390 --> 01:01:00,640

to end our questions we're going to turn

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01:01:03,829 --> 01:01:02,400

it over to final remarks from nasa

1601
01:01:05,910 --> 01:01:03,839
administrator

1602
01:01:08,390 --> 01:01:05,920
well thank you bettina and thank you

1603
01:01:11,430 --> 01:01:08,400
for the panel uh participating in this

1604
01:01:13,510 --> 01:01:11,440
today what uh what an exciting time

1605
01:01:16,630 --> 01:01:13,520
um and i know we we just had this

1606
01:01:19,270 --> 01:01:16,640
conversation about ingenuity um and the

1607
01:01:21,109 --> 01:01:19,280
helicopter that's gonna fly on mars i

1608
01:01:23,030 --> 01:01:21,119
wanna i wanna kind of put it in

1609
01:01:25,270 --> 01:01:23,040
perspective for a moment

1610
01:01:28,630 --> 01:01:25,280
imagine looking

1611
01:01:31,510 --> 01:01:28,640
from perseverance out at a helicopter

1612
01:01:33,990 --> 01:01:31,520
that is flying around perseverance

1613
01:01:35,829 --> 01:01:34,000

and the helicopter is looking back at

1614

01:01:38,390 --> 01:01:35,839

perseverance getting us images of

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01:01:40,230 --> 01:01:38,400

perseverance what perseverance is doing

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01:01:42,870 --> 01:01:40,240

we're going to be able to see with our

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01:01:46,630 --> 01:01:42,880

own eyes with motion pictures these kind

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01:01:48,150 --> 01:01:46,640

of activities happening on another world

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01:01:49,990 --> 01:01:48,160

and and i just can't tell you how

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01:01:52,390 --> 01:01:50,000

excited i am about

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01:01:54,710 --> 01:01:52,400

ingenuity and of course perseverance the

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01:01:56,710 --> 01:01:54,720

first astrobiology mission we shouldn't

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01:01:59,190 --> 01:01:56,720

forget we're proving out that we can

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01:02:01,029 --> 01:01:59,200

turn the carbon dioxide atmosphere of

1625

01:02:02,870 --> 01:02:01,039

mars into pure oxygen for life support

1626

01:02:05,510 --> 01:02:02,880

because the president has given us

1627

01:02:08,230 --> 01:02:05,520

agenda an agenda to plant an american

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01:02:10,549 --> 01:02:08,240

flag on mars and of course to go with

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01:02:13,190 --> 01:02:10,559

our international partners and our

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01:02:15,190 --> 01:02:13,200

commercial partners all of which is in

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01:02:17,990 --> 01:02:15,200

uh president trump's space policy

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01:02:20,150 --> 01:02:18,000

directive one so we have this big agenda

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01:02:22,870 --> 01:02:20,160

this is a precursor mission but it's

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01:02:24,549 --> 01:02:22,880

also a scientific mission

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01:02:26,950 --> 01:02:24,559

in its own right

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01:02:28,710 --> 01:02:26,960

and there's so much more to discover

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01:02:30,150 --> 01:02:28,720

and we're so looking forward to it so i

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01:02:32,069 --> 01:02:30,160

just want to say thank you to everybody

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01:02:34,069 --> 01:02:32,079

for paying attention

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01:02:35,829 --> 01:02:34,079

if you know if you want to follow us if

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01:02:38,710 --> 01:02:35,839

you want to participate with us

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01:02:40,230 --> 01:02:38,720

virtually from thursday forward

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01:02:41,750 --> 01:02:40,240

nasa.gov

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01:02:43,750 --> 01:02:41,760

i would encourage everybody to go to

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01:02:45,029 --> 01:02:43,760

nasa.gov and

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01:02:47,430 --> 01:02:45,039

and this is all about the next

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01:02:50,230 --> 01:02:47,440

generation we want to inspire people so

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01:02:52,069 --> 01:02:50,240

have your kids or your grandkids tune in

1649

01:02:53,829 --> 01:02:52,079

this is a great moment for not just the

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01:02:56,150 --> 01:02:53,839

united states of america but also for

1651
01:02:58,390 --> 01:02:56,160
the world

1652
01:03:00,390 --> 01:02:58,400
thank you so much jim and thank you so

1653
01:03:02,870 --> 01:03:00,400
much for joining our conversation the

1654
01:03:05,750 --> 01:03:02,880
next briefing will be the mars 2020

1655
01:03:07,910 --> 01:03:05,760
science briefing today at 3 p.m and then

1656
01:03:10,710 --> 01:03:07,920
we mentioned launch coverage begins on

1657
01:03:13,430 --> 01:03:10,720
thursday at 7 00 a.m and the launch is

1658
01:03:15,750 --> 01:03:13,440
at 7 50. you can continue to talk about

1659
01:03:18,230 --> 01:03:15,760
the greatness of this mars perseverance

1660
01:03:20,470 --> 01:03:18,240
over mars 2020 and mars ingenuity by

1661
01:03:23,750 --> 01:03:20,480
joining us at twitter and facebook at

1662
01:03:26,150 --> 01:03:23,760
mars perseverance and uh

1663
01:03:28,150 --> 01:03:26,160

countdown to mars thank you so much for