Mars 2020 Landing Site Workshop IV

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Purpose

This Mars 2020 Landing Site Workshop is to obtain the Mars science community's assessment of scientifically compelling candidate sites

- to explore a region on Mars and
- cache samples for potential return to Earth

We have a wealth of information and an amazing opportunity to recommend landing sites, one of which will be selected by the NASA Science Mission Directorate Associate Administrator

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BUT SCIENCE WINS!

It is truly appreciated the honest hard work and expertise involved in analyzing and accessing the candidate sites, for your time and effort

- in guiding the targeting of our orbital assets,
- generating useable data, and
- distilling the information into a coherent hypothesis concerning each site.

“The greatest obstacle to discovering the shape of the earth, the continents, and the oceans was not ignorance but the illusion of knowledge.”

Daniel J. Boorstin

The Discoverers 1983