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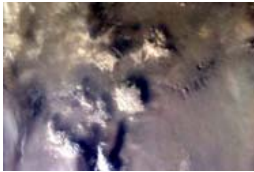
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A massive volcanic eruption that occurred 73,000 years ago killed off much of India's forests and may have pushed humans to the brink of extinction, a new study says. The Toba eruption, which took place on the Indonesian island of Sumatra, sent so much ash into the air that sunlight was blocked for six years.

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Have you been noticing unusually beautiful sunsets over the past few weeks? Blame it on a volcanic eruption that happened June 12, half-a-world away. After Russia's Sarychev Peak volcano blew its top, it sent massive plumes of sulfur dioxide into the air and the gas has been circling the globe.

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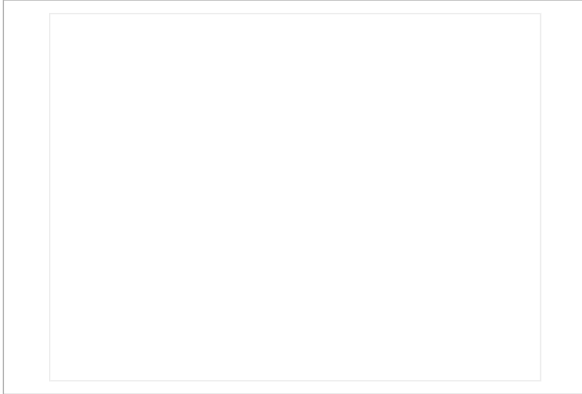
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Mount Redoubt Erupts



Bretwood Higman, LiveScience

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In one of the rarest images ever captured in a photograph, scientists have been able to track lightning occurring inside clouds spewing from a volcanic eruption. Using a system called Lightning Mapping Array, researchers were able to see this tumultuous lightning storm occurring above Alaska's Mount Redoubt when it blew its top on March 22 and 23.

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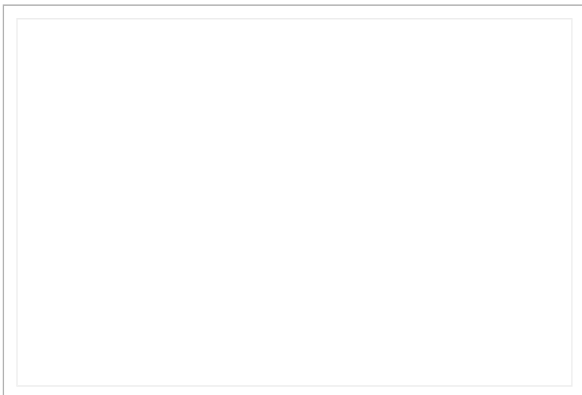
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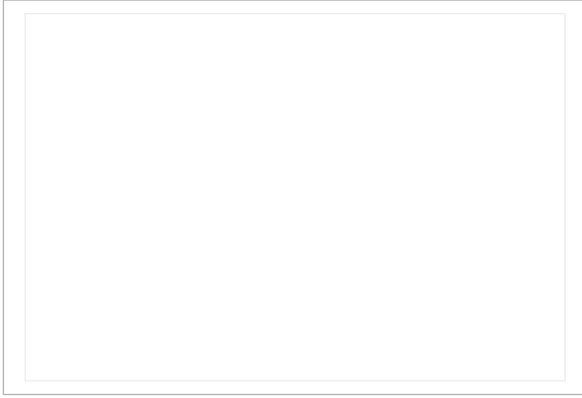
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This photo, taken June 12 from the International Space Station, shows a volcanic eruption in its earliest stage. The volcano is Russia's Sarychev Peak on Matua Island in the Kuril Islands, northeast of Japan. The main plume appears to be a mixture of brown ash and white steam, NASA said.

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Mount Galeras in Colombia erupts, covering a nearby city in ash and forcing 7,000 people to evacuate their homes. The 14,110-foot volcano, which is considered Colombia's most active, last exploded in January 2008.

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