



The Planetary Society's Fight for Science and Exploration

NASA's acclaimed Science Program — the "crown jewel" of the U.S. space agency — is in danger!

YOU can do something about it!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE BUDGET PASSES?

- **Bottom Line: NASA Science Cut by \$3 Billion**
The NASA budget proposed to Congress cuts \$3 billion from what was planned for space science and planetary exploration over the next five years.
 - More than 95% of that cut is to planetary exploration.
- **Research and Analysis Slashed 15% (mostly funding for university grants)**
 - Astrobiology (questions of life in the universe) is singled out for a cut of 50%.
- **Europa mission development is cancelled**
This long-sought mission – actually mandated by Congress last year – would have explored one of our best shots at finding life beyond Earth.
- **The Terrestrial Planet Finder (TPF) development is cancelled.**
- **The Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) is cancelled.**
- **The Space Interferometry Mission (SIM) is delayed.**
- **The Juno mission is stretched out and delayed.**
- **Mars Exploration Program Chopped**
NASA's Mars program was cut 40% in the past year, despite the enormous success of the Mars Exploration Rovers.
 - **Mars Sample Return** development is **cancelled**.
 - **ALL Mars mission consideration is eliminated** from NASA's Vision for Space Exploration program.
 - **Two Mars Scout missions** scheduled for after 2011 are **eliminated** from planning.
 - The **Mars Telecommunications Orbiter**, planned for 2009, is **cancelled**.

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