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INSIDE THE VOLCANO

**An Explosive New Look at the
Earth-Shattering Power of Volcanoes**

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NEW YORK, NY, November 20, 2006 – Has man learned enough to tame the fury of the worlds' volcanoes? The combination of history and modern science can teach us about the might of volcanoes – from Pliny's fascinating first-hand account of Vesuvius, to modern scientists' research during the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens, this two-hour special reveals mans' search to understand and predict the power of volcanoes. **INSIDE THE VOLCANO premieres Sunday, December 3rd at 8pm ET/PT on The History Channel.**

For four billion years, volcanoes have impacted life on earth. Empires have been destroyed and civilizations have been decimated. But those same volcanoes have also allowed life to flourish. **INSIDE THE VOLCANO** offers a comprehensive look at the volcanic spots around the world made infamous in history - from the volcanic islands of Greece to the towering mountains of Italy; from the long ridges of Iceland to the eruptive volcanoes of Indonesia; and of course here in the United States, from the mountainous Cascades range in the Pacific Northwest to the hotspots over Hawaii. Cutting-edge computer graphics take viewers on a journey into the magma chambers of the worlds' volcanoes, sinking deep underneath the earth's crusts –a perspective rarely offered. What does the science of volcano research teach us about past eruptions--and what can it teach us about the eruptions to come?

As much as volcanoes have been a part of history, scientists have only really begun to study them in the last 50 years. **INSIDE THE VOLCANO** investigates the possibility and plausibility of a supervolcano percolating beneath Yellowstone could erupt in our lifetime.

INSIDE THE VOLCANO makes one thing very clear: Volcanic eruptions are an intrinsic component of the earth's life cycle of birth, destruction, and rejuvenation. Scientists may make advances in the prediction of volcanic behavior—but they will never be able to stop their powerful eruptions.

INSIDE THE VOLCANO was produced for The History Channel by KPI. Executive Producer for The History Channel is Beth Dietrich Segarra.

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