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EARTH: A Journey to Pluto and Beyond with New Horizons

Alexandria VA—As NASA's New Horizons mission to Pluto reaches its destination, join EARTH Magazine to learn about the latest spacecraft to study the furthest reaches of the solar system.

The feature explores the questions this mission hopes to answer such as Pluto's relationship to similar astronomical bodies and the formation of comets on the outskirts of the solar system in the Kuiper Belt. After a successful encounter with Jupiter in 2007, scientists are eager to put New Horizons' unique remote sensing equipment to use, which will provide them with the first in situ data sets from this region of the solar system in decades — and likely the only data set on such planetary bodies that will be collected in the near future: <http://www.earthmagazine.org/article/journey-pluto-and-beyond-new-horizons>.

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