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EARTH: Travels in Geology: Lassen Volcanic National Park

Alexandria, VA –For breathtaking volcanic scenery, few places have the variety found in Lassen Volcanic National Park in the Cascade Range of Northern California. The park boasts five varieties of volcanoes plus a vast volcanic landscape, with devastated areas, bubbling hot springs, boiling mud pots and fumaroles. The park also hosts multiple hiking trails.

Follow along with geologist R. Forrest Hopson as he explores the plug domes, cinder cones, lava cones, shield volcanoes and stratovolcanoes of the Lassen Volcanic Center in "Lassen Volcanic National Park: A Volcanic Wonderland" in the July issue of EARTH Magazine. Plus, don't miss our stories on topics such as how scientists, water managers and utilities are working together to assess how water availability across the West may change as the climate changes; the new strategy creationists are employing to interject their beliefs into mainstream geology; and how subduction zones get their start, all in the July issue. Don't forget to check out our commentary on the U.S. space mission. Would *you* be willing to spend a few bucks to save NASA?

These stories and many more can be found in the July issue of EARTH, now available digitally (http://www.earthmagazine.org/digital/) or in print on your local newsstands.

For further information on the July Travels in Geology article, go to http://www.earthmagazine.org/earth/article/45a-7db-6-18. While on the EARTH website, take a look at our special web-exclusive story about climbing California's Mount Shasta.

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