

Exciting New Website Links Mount St. Helens Science to Classrooms around the World

An interactive, multi-media website is being unveiled by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Mount St. Helens Institute in commemoration of the upcoming 33rd anniversary of the May 18, 1980 eruption (<http://www.mshslc.org>). The website combines photographs and scientist interviews to chronicle the story of 30 years of change and discovery in North America's most celebrated natural laboratory and classroom.



"It's great to have an opportunity to extend the educational impact of our award-winning exhibits and share this special place with students, teachers and volcano enthusiasts," said Bob Varner, Acting Monument Manager. "Online learning is an important part of the Mount St. Helens Science and Learning Center's effort to share the wonders of nature through science, the arts and adventure recreation," Varner added.

The goal of the website is to deliver the amazing story of nature's destruction and renewal by combining scientist stories and photographs with supporting FAQs, Useful Links and educational materials. The website is the result of a collaborative effort between volcano scientists and educators and creative partners in the IT Industry (Second Story Interactive Studios and Gravitare).

"If you can't make it to the volcano to experience the power of nature first-hand, our [mshslc.org](http://www.mshslc.org) website is the next best thing," said Peter Frenzen, Monument Scientist. "It's exciting to share the excitement of science discovery and the amazing story of Mount St. Helens with so many people," Frenzen added.

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