

Defrosting Dunes within Chasma Boreale

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This image shows a dune field in Chasma Boreale, which is a large trough that cuts into the North Polar ice cap. Some of the dunes in this image are quite long and sinuous with a slight bulge at one end. In the transition from early to late spring, we see defrosting and the growth of dark spots. By summer, the dunes will be defrosted, and will appear completely black.

