



THE PERSISTENCE OF DUST

This mound with a circular summit crater is most likely a cinder cone, similar to many cinder cones found on Earth. The cone in this image is located just northwest of Ulysses Patera, a shield volcano within the Tharsis volcanic province. Much of Tharsis is blanketed in a thick layer of dust, which hides the volcanic surface textures, but creates its own interesting patterns of deposition, collapse and erosion.



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