

Blockfall on the North Polar Layered Deposits

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA Comparing this HiRISE image with an observation from the previous Martian year reveals an example of one of these processes: blockfalls. The slope is steep and fractured here, and a large chunk of dusty ice has tumbled down the slope and broken apart. Scientists on the HiRISE team are studying this process at many locations in order to measure how <u>quickly the North Polar layered deposits are changing</u>.