



# The Ares 3 Landing Site: Where Science Fact Meets Fiction

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Andy Weir, the author of the best-selling novel “The Martian,” previously contacted the HiRISE team requesting that we take a picture of the Ares 3 landing site from his novel. The Ares 3 landing site lies in the Acidalia Planitia and is within “driving distance” from the Pathfinder lander and Sojourner rover. This is the second image we’ve acquired of this fictional landing site and compare it to an earlier one for possible changes in the terrain.