

#### 2019/2020 Planetary Mission Senior Review



### NASA HQ Planetary Science Division Planetary Mission Senior Review (PMSR)

# Update to PAC on 2019/2020 PMSRs December 6, 2019

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#### Agenda



- PSD Direction to Extended Missions evaluated in 2019 PMSR
- 2020 PMSR Status Update
- 2019 → 2020 PMSR Addressing Lessons Learned
- 2020 PMSR Notional Schedule



#### 2019 PMSR – PSD Direction to Extended Missions



- PSD is still in the process of writing direction letters for the six missions reviewed in 2019
  - So far, LRO has been informed
  - Awaiting decisions on Mars missions



#### 2020 PMSR - Plans



- Missions included in 2020 PMSR
  - InSight
  - Juno
- Missions excluded from 2020 PMSR
  - Kuiper Belt Extended Mission (New Horizons) is extended to 2021; target flyby (MU69/Arrokoth) occured in January 2019
    - Will NOT be subject to special out-of-cycle 2020 PMSR
  - OSIRIS-REx still in prime mission
- Final decisions by PSD DD are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and the outcome of the annual budget process.





- **Many** issues identified with this FACA-based review
  - Plan to follow recently-approved Heliophysics approach for the 2020 PMSR
    - PSD will present our PMSR plan to SMD Management in December for approval
- NRESS staff did an excellent job
  - Held true again for this PMSR
- Technical/engineering expertise not uniform on panel
  - Additional panelists will be added with engineering/operations expertise
- Projects "largely" ignored questions sent by panelists prior to the F2F presentation
  - Panel will ask questions in real-time at F2F presentation; questions must be addressed before conclusion of F2F meeting to the panel's satisfaction



#### 2019 → 2020 PMSR – Addressing Lessons Learned (continued)



- An improved template in NSPIRES should help to simplify the review process for the panelists
- The "unlimited" appendix page count will be replaced with a maximum page count
  - Proposers tend to put critical content in the appendix, so reviewers are forced to read everything (unreasonable request)



#### 2020 PMSR – Notional Schedule



Nov 2019: PSD DD approves ToR for SME Panel

Dec 2019: Plan presented to SMD Management for approval

Early Jan 2020: Draft call for proposals issued

Mid Jan 2020: Comments from flight projects due

Late Jan 2020: Final call for proposals issued

Late Mar 2020: Senior Review proposals due/submitted to NSPIRES

Mid Apr 2020: SME Panel meets

Early May 2020: Reports from SME panel due to PSD DD

June 2020: PSD DD informs PAC of extended mission decisions



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## **Questions?**