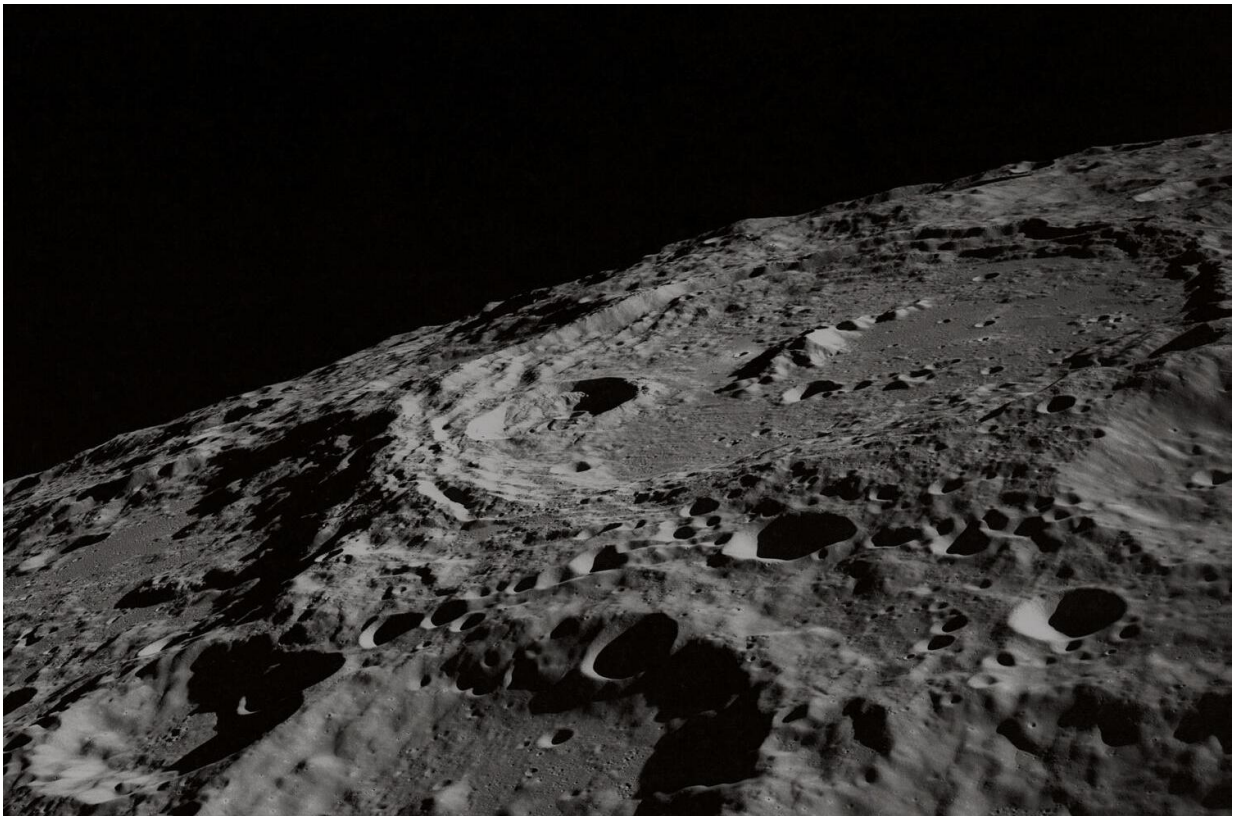


NASA: Budget boost 'good start' to put astronauts on moon

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NASA's chief says the Trump administration's proposed \$1.6 billion budget boost is a "good start" for putting astronauts back on the moon.

Administrator Jim Bridenstine addressed employees Tuesday, a day after the White House introduced the budget amendment.

He says \$1.6 billion is enough for 2020 "to get out of the gate." But more money will be needed in the years ahead to land "the next man and the first woman" on the moon by 2024.

NASA is once again turning to Greek mythology for the name of the project. It's being called Artemis, after the twin sister of Apollo. Apollo was the name of NASA's moon-landing program of the 1960s and 1970s. This July will mark the 50th anniversary of the first manned moon landing.

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