

# Science Committee Presentation to NAC Plenary

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# Topics of Discussion

- SMD Overview
- NAC & Subcommittee recommendations
- SMD Science Plan
- NAC Lunar Science Workshop
- Lunar Robotic Precursor Program

# Key Observations from the Science Committee & Subcommittees

- NAC Lunar Science Workshop (2/26--3/2) is well underway
  - Each of the Subcommittees has activities underway to identify ideas and priorities for lunar science in preparation for the workshop, e.g.,
    - Astrophysics on the Moon workshop (end of Nov)
    - Heliophysics lunar science session at AGU (Dec)
  - Organizing committee iterating on draft agenda, participant list, and products
- Generally positive view of draft Science Plan, with numerous suggestions for improvement (many already in work by SMD)
- Access to space for medium and small missions is becoming a serious issue that NAC should continue to monitor

# Recommendations

- Add a member with Earth Science expertise to the Science Committee
- Name a new Chair for the Lunar Exploration Analysis Group (LEAG; sits on the Planetary Science Subcommittee)