



MOUNT ST. HELENS VOLCANO FACTS

MOUNT ST. HELENS: Named by Captain George Vancouver of the British Royal Navy in 1792, in honor of Baron St. Helens, the British Ambassador to Spain. **CATASTROPHIC ERUPTION IN THE 20TH CENTURY:** May 18, 1980. **DEBRIS AVALANCHE:** Largest landslide in recorded history – removed more than 1,300 feet of the volcano's summit. **LATERAL BLAST:** Accelerated to speeds greater than 650 miles per hour and blew down enough timber to build 300,000 two-bedroom homes. **VERTICAL ASH ERUPTION:** Rose nearly 16 miles into the atmosphere. **ASH FALL:** Over 500 million tons – enough to bury a football field to a depth of 150 miles. **PYROCLASTIC FLOWS:** Were hotter than 800 degrees F. **MUDFLOWS:** Damaged or destroyed 27 bridges, 185 miles of roads, and over 200 homes. **HUMAN FATALITIES:** 36 people known dead; 21 people missing. **GAME FATALITIES (ESTIMATED):** 5,000 Black-Tailed Deer, 1,500 Roosevelt Elk, 200 Black Bear, 15 Mountain Goats, and millions of small game, birds, and fish.

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