

# HORIZON UPDATES “DEEP LACUNA” SURVEY

[Los Angeles - Horizon Media]

Horizon released an updated report of their surveys of the network of tunnels underneath Los Angeles. Their continued explorations of the “Deep Lacuna” has shown the network of tunnels is significantly larger and deeper than previously thought - with at least one tunnel more than 1,000 meters below the surface.

The Deep Lacuna first came to light in 2070 during surveys to update geospatial terrain databases following the March 8, “Fall” earthquakes. Horizon geologists quickly realized that the terrain elevation changes were much larger than earthquakes even as strong as the 9.2 and 9.6 Fall earthquakes could cause. While their initial surveys was unable to explain the unusually large elevation changes that submerged much of the city, they did discover a previously unknown network of tunnels.

Nearly a decade of study has not shed much light on the origins of the tunnels. Geologists have no explanation for how the tunnels formed, or even when. Dr. Tanaka McShae, of Horizon Deep Lacuna Survey Corp, says that while the tunnels show signs of being millions of years old, they are apparently a new feature. “Previous seismic studies and test bore databases, while heavily corrupted during the Crashes, show no evidence of the tunnel network. The petrochemical companies had been drilling here for a century or more. If the tunnels were there, they would have been noticed by *somebody*. We are forced to conclude that the tunnels are a recent phenomena, linked to the Fall quakes in a manner we have yet to determine.”

The total size of the tunnel network continues to defy analysis. “We are finding new tunnels all the time. As soon as we think we have a handle on it, we find a whole new section.”

The report also stresses the dangers in the tunnels, noting that many of them are extensively contaminated by toxins and formerly-buried pollutants. Out of concern for public safety, Horizon has cordoned off several of the more toxic tunnels to prevent those pollutants from spreading, and to prevent exposure.



- > Pretty, but deeply weird. Even by my standards. What the heck is going on over there? Anybody taken a dive in those tunnels?
- > Foxdale
- > I've done a few gigs out there over the years. Those tunnels go everywhere, and I wouldn't trust Horizon's maps farther than I can throw SithDog - those things reach way beyond what Horizon is saying. Took a while for the corpsec guys to realize basement access was a lot easier than they'd planned. Gotten less easy in recent years, but still a viable route.
- > Anonymous Coward

- > Don't suppose you had a spellslinger with you?
- > Foxdale

- > You think I'd go for a swim in there without one? Last job out there (a few months back), he nearly freaked the frag out. Said that astral space was getting less “coherent” down in the tubes. Whatever the drek that means. Poor slag nearly stroked out before we got to work. I'll PM his contact info.

- > Anonymous Coward

- > Wiz. Thanks!
- > Foxdale



## ARES REFIT DELAYED

[Detroit, UCAS – CNN]

The much-discussed “refit and reset” of Ares Corporate Military Forces (ACMF) is apparently taking longer than Ares had planned. Anonymous sources within Ares Defense have stated that the scope of the operations was “drastically underestimated by senior management”. This corroborates several reports that Ares has invoked contract clauses notifying customers that their forces may not be able to fulfill contract terms as expected.

The UCAS Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) has issued a formal inquiry to Ares regarding the change in their forces status. A formal announcement from the SASC issued yesterday makes their concerns clear:

“The impromptu withdrawal of several brigades from the western frontier has destabilized the situation along our borders with the Sioux. That Ares is apparently unable to fulfill their contract obligations puts their status as a preferred supplier to the UCAS military in jeopardy. While we appreciate that Ares management is still in disarray after December's terrorist attack, our patience has its limits.”

In addition, Ares Corporate Military Forces (ACMF) have cordoned off a sixth “staging area” in the Detroit metroplex. These areas are being used for repair, upgrade and training purposes. Detroit citizens have begun calling the areas “No-Go Zones”.

- > No drek. Their perimeter guards are more than a bit trigger happy.
- > Whitehat
- > This whole thing stinks. Why the frag are they doing sustainment operations in urban areas? It'd be a lot easier to just do them at any old military base.
- > Youarebeingliedto
- > I hate to agree with you, but...yeah. This whole thing is weird.
- > (In)sanity
- > Gunning down civilians in an urban area is marketing gold for the bloodthirsty tyrant that is Ares' growth market. Duh.
- > MEESA

## OTHER NEWS

Cairo, Egypt – The Egyptian government has denied that an outbreak of ebola has occurred in the northeastern slum of Qalag. They have attributed the barriers around the sector to “an ongoing security emergency.” The CDC has declined to comment.

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