

Re: Rigging a Volcano

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"Greg Campbell" <nospam@null.net> wrote in message
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> *Alternately, you could allow the magma to degass as it rises, cool it a
> bit, then pump it back down another hole. (Similar to the CO2 degassing
> of Monoun and Nyos.) Given the volume of magma involved, you'd need
> some mighty fat pipes or a bunch of wells.*
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> *Of course, you'd wind up dumping a lot of sulfur and other nasty stuff
> into the air. While objectively a much better option than enduring an
> eventual magacaldera eruption, I'm sure the local population would raise
> hell. "I've lived here 70 years, and it ain't erupted once!"*
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> -Greg
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That solution is far beyond the capability of human engineering. Man has a really poor record of keeping mother nature from doing what she damn well pleases. It could well be like trying to pop a cork of a bottle of bubbly and just letting it fly or letting the air out of a balloon with a pin.

The forces involved are most likely beyond mans abilities. Like Jo says, nature generally gets the last laugh. To nature, man doesn't count, doesn't even figure into the equation.

Bob