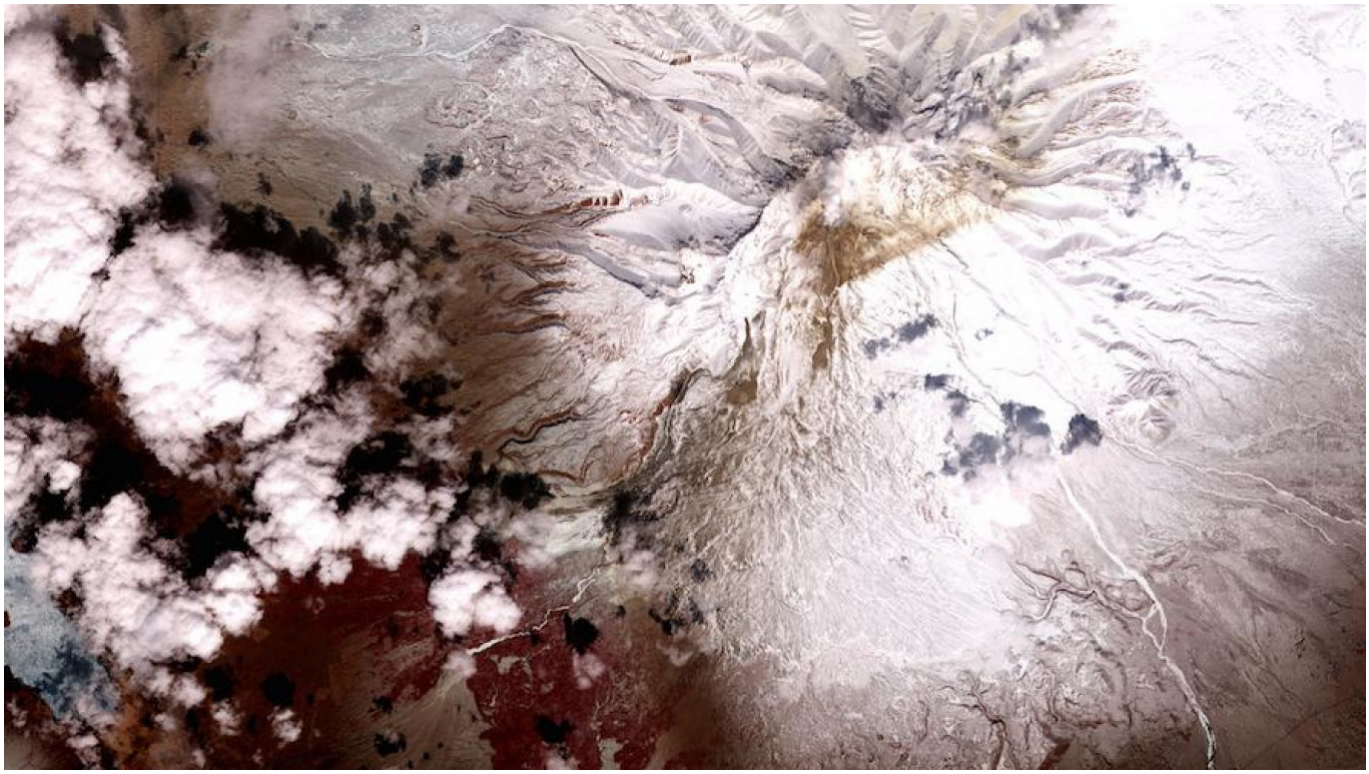
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Shiveluch Volcano Erupts in Eastern Russia

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The Shiveluch volcano in Russia's Far⊠Eastern Kamchatka region has erupted, spewing ash some 13km above sea⊠level.

Experts from the Russian Academy of⊠Sciences measured the plumes using seismic data as the ash column mixed with low-lying clouds.

Officials from the region's Emergency⊠Situations Ministry have confirmed that the ash is not expected to⊠land on nearby settlements,
Russia's Interfax news agency reported Friday.

Meanwhile a "red warning" has been issued to passing planes, urging them to avoid the site.

The Shiveluch volcano is extimated to be between 60,000 and 70,000 ⊠years old. Stretching 3,283 meters at its highest point, the volcano ⊠towers over the nearby village of Klyuchi in Kamchatka's Ust-Kamchatsky ⊠district, home to roughly 5,000 people.

The eruption follows increased activity at the nearby Bezymyanny volcano, which threw five clouds of ash more than 8 kilometers high at the beginning of March.

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