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Shows a steam ring expelled by Etna’s summit crater as one of many on

February 24, 2000. By observing the ground, the photographer estimated it to be a staggering 200 meters. See Elisha Huggins' article, p. 488 on making smoke rings in your classroom.