discover suitable Kuiper Belt Objects within the cone of possible
New Horizons trajectory changes revealed five candidates.

In June, 2016, based on the 2016 Planetary Mission Senior Review
Panel report, NASA directed the New Horizons extended mission to
plan for continued operations through fiscal year 2021. The New
Horizons extended mission now includes a visit to a Kuiper Belt
Object known as 2014 MU69. The spacecraft ~~will pass~~ 2014 MU69 with
closest approach on Jan 1, 2019.
└ has passed

As an extended mission to a target of opportunity, design options
for the New Horizons Kuiper Belt Extended Mission are limited.
2014 MU69 will be observed using the same instruments and procedures
as proved so effective for studying the Pluto system in 2015.

See the New Horizons Mission catalog file for more information on
mission design and target opportunities within the primary mission
phase.

Mission Phases
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   Summary of mission phases

     Mission phases provide convenient handles and approximate time
     boundaries to

     1) partition the data into very broad categories of mission activity

     2) provide approximate time boundaries for PDS archive data sets

     The mission is continuous, so the boundaries are very soft i.e. in
     an operational sense they do not exist in a noticeable way.

     That being the case, the user should not expect the actual range of
     times covered by data in this data set to exactly agree with the
     boundaries of the corresponding mission phase described below; the
     data set time range may be far less or it may overlap the boundaries.

     See the New Horizons Mission catalog file for an extended explanation
     of mission phases. Some primary mission phases are included in the
     table below, for convenience and continuity.

Short name	Start(1,3)	Stop(2,3)	Full MISSION_PHASE_NAME, plus optional Description
LAUNCH	2006-01-19	2006-12-31	POST-LAUNCH CHECKOUT
JUPITER	2007-01-01	2007-06-26	JUPITER ENCOUNTER
PLUTOCRUISE	2007-06-27	2015-01-15	PLUTO CRUISE, Jupiter-Pluto/Charon Interplanetary Cruise
PLUTO	2015-01-15	2016-10-26	PLUTO ENCOUNTER, Pluto mission phase,