



INFORMATION RELEASE

ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER



March 20, 1998

1:22 pm

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Thursday at 06:29 pm AST in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.5 and was located at a depth of about 0 miles (0 km). No reports of this event having been felt and/or causing damage have been received at this time.

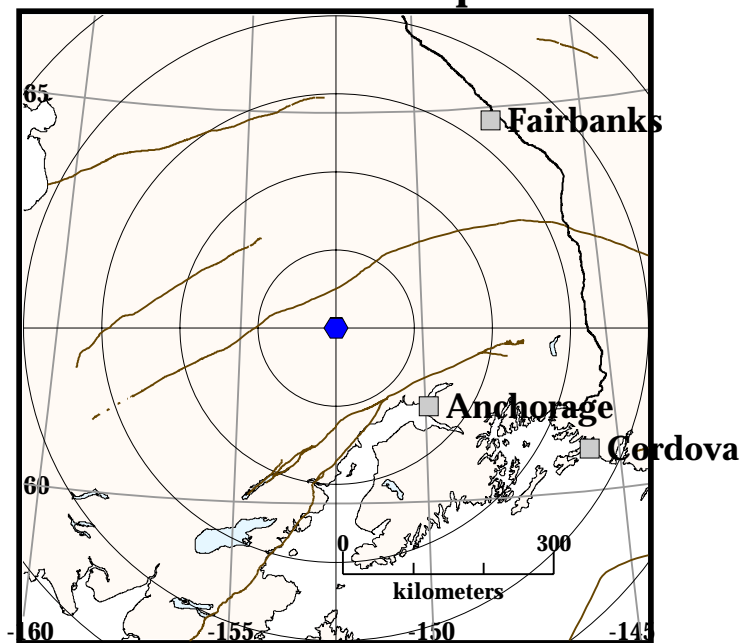
Distance to nearby locations:

44 mi (70 km) WNW of Skwentna
73 mi (118 km) W of Talkeetna
84 mi (135 km) WNW of Willow
91 mi (147 km) NNW of Tyonek
99 mi (160 km) SSW of Kantishna
105 mi (169 km) WNW of Hatcher Pass
107 mi (172 km) WNW of Wasilla
108 mi (174 km) NW of Anchorage
109 mi (176 km) NW of Elmendorf AFB
112 mi (180 km) NW of Fort Richardson

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 980320 03:29:16
Latitude: 62 N 15'
Longitude: 152 W 22'
Depth: 0 km
Magnitude: ML 3.5

Location of Earthquake



Circles are 111 km (70 miles) apart.

The location and magnitude for this earthquake may be updated as data from additional seismic stations are received. The Alaska Earthquake Information Center will continue to gather data and may issue additional releases as appropriate. With any moderate or large earthquake, aftershocks should be expected to occur.

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