The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Tuesday at 06:01 pm ADT in the Prince William Sound region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.3 and was located at a depth of about 16 miles (25 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed.

The event was felt in the Valdez area however, no reports of damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 23 mi (37 km) WNW of Valdez
- 31 mi (50 km) NNW of Tatitlek
- 42 mi (68 km) W of Thompson Pass
- 61 mi (99 km) WSW of Pump Station #12
- 66 mi (105 km) NW of Cordova

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Origin Time (UT): 980902 02:01:27
- Latitude: 61 N 17’
- Longitude: 146 W 56’
- Depth: 25 km
- Magnitude: ML 4.3

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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