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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

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4:41 pm

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Monday at 1:59 AM AKST in the Kenai Peninsula region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.0 and was located at a depth of about 39 miles (62 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This earthquake was felt in Ninilchik, Anchor Point and Kasilof. However, no reports of this event having caused damage and/or injury have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

9 km (6 miles) ESE of Ninilchik
24 km (15 miles) SSW of Clam Gulch
32 km (20 miles) NNE of Anchor Point
38 km (24 miles) SSW of Kasilof
42 km (26 miles) N of Homer
58 km (36 miles) SSW of Soldotna
61 km (38 miles) SSW of Kenai
66 km (41 miles) N of Seldovia

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 990308 10:59:48
Latitude: 60 N 01’
Longitude: 151 W 31’
Depth: 62 km
Magnitude: ML 4.0

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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