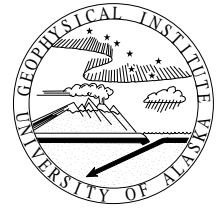




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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

May 17, 1999
11:50 am

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Sunday at 1:12 AM AKDT in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.7 and was located at a depth of about 11 miles (18 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This event was felt strongly in Talkeetna, however no reports of damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 31 km (19 miles) SSW of Talkeetna
- 37 km (23 miles) NNW of Willow
- 48 km (30 miles) ENE of Skwentna
- 60 km (37 miles) WNW of Hatcher Pass
- 69 km (43 miles) NW of Wasilla
- 80 km (50 miles) NW of Palmer
- 83 km (52 miles) WNW of Sutton
- 86 km (53 miles) NNW of Chugiak

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 990516 09:12:20
 Latitude: 62 N 03'
 Longitude: 150 W 17'
 Depth: 18 km
 Magnitude: ML 3.7

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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