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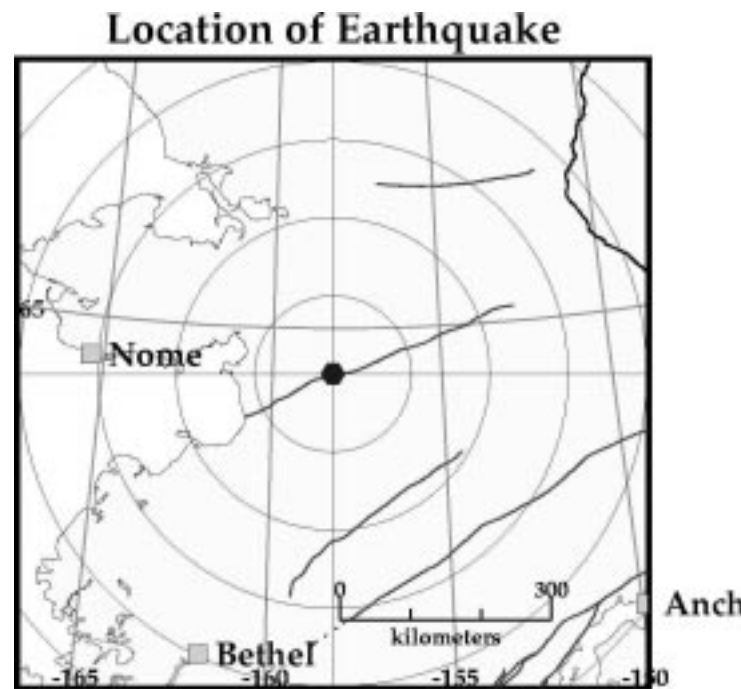
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Monday at 9:32 AM AKDT in the west-central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.8 and was located at a depth of about 6 miles (10 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This earthquake was felt strongly in Kaltag and Galena. Small shelf items were reported as knocked over in Kaltag. No reports of damage or injury have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

26 km (17 miles) ENE of Kaltag
34 km (21 miles) S of Nulato
56 km (35 miles) SSW of Koyukuk
71 km (44 miles) WSW of Galena
135 km (84 miles) WSW of Ruby
139 km (87 miles) ENE of Unalakleet
140 km (87 miles) E of Shaktoolik
151 km (94 miles) ESE of Koyuk

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 990517 17:32:11
Latitude: 64 N 25'
Longitude: 158 W 13'
Depth: 10 km
Magnitude: ML 4.8



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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The Alaska Earthquake Information Center (AEIC) monitors earthquakes in Alaska and provides earthquake information to the citizens and public officials of Alaska. The Center is a cooperative program of the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska and the U.S. Geological Survey and is located at the Geophysical Institute in Fairbanks with the Alaska State Seismologist's Office.

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