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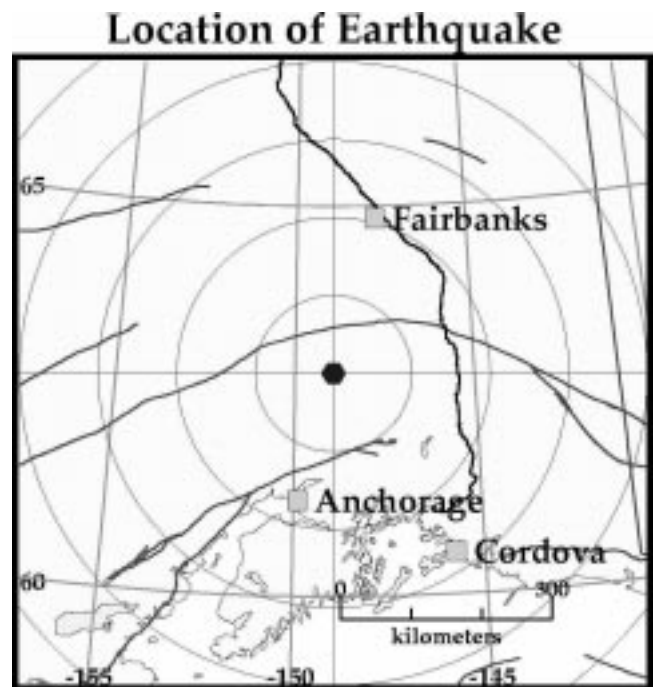
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Sunday, December 12th at 1:15 PM AKST in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.4 and was located at a depth of about 10 miles (16 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. No reports of this event having been felt and/or causing damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

59 km (37 miles) S of Cantwell
77 km (48 miles) S of Denali Park
84 km (53 miles) NE of Talkeetna
111 km (69 miles) S of Healy
122 km (76 miles) N of Hatcher Pass
126 km (78 miles) SE of Kantishna
128 km (80 miles) N of Sutton
136 km (85 miles) NNE of Willow

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 991212 22:15:35
Latitude: 62 N 51'
Longitude: 148 W 56'
Depth: 16 km
Magnitude: ML 4.4



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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