The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Wednesday, April 17th at 5:06 PM AKDT in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.5 and was located at a depth of about 28 miles (44 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This event was felt near Montanna Creek and Talkeetna. No reports of damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 31 km (20 miles) E of Talkeetna
- 59 km (37 miles) N of Hatcher Pass
- 67 km (42 miles) NNE of Willow
- 73 km (45 miles) NNW of Sutton
- 80 km (50 miles) N of Wasilla
- 80 km (50 miles) NNW of Palmer
- 95 km (59 miles) ENE of Skwentna
- 101 km (63 miles) N of Chugiak

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Origin Time (UT): 04/18/2002 01:06:28
- Latitude: 62 N 18’
- Longitude: 149 W 30’
- Depth: 44 km
- Magnitude: ML 4.5

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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