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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

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11:13 am

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Thursday, December 12th at 11:02 AM AKST in the Unimak Island region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.1 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. No reports of this event being felt or causing damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

95 km (59 miles) SSW of False Pass
118 km (74 miles) E of Akutan
148 km (93 miles) SSW of Cold Bay
154 km (96 miles) SW of King Cove
168 km (105 miles) E of Dutch Harbor
170 km (106 miles) E of Unalaska
264 km (165 miles) WSW of Sand Point
278 km (174 miles) SW of Nelson Lagoon

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 12/12/2002 20:02:42
Latitude: 54 N 04'
Longitude: 163 W 58'
Depth: 18 km
Magnitude: ML 4.1

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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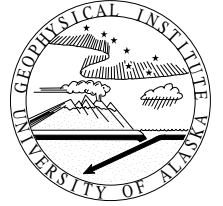
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