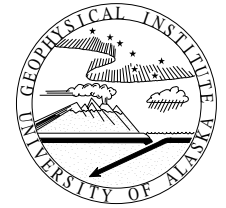




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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

December 26, 2002
8:50 pm

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Thursday, December 26th at 8:02 PM AKST in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.5 and was located at a depth of about 9 miles (14 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This event was felt in Cantwell, Nenana and the Fairbanks area. No reports of this event causing damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 30 km (19 miles) ESE of Denali Park
- 32 km (20 miles) ENE of Cantwell
- 54 km (34 miles) SE of Healy
- 105 km (66 miles) SSE of Clear
- 127 km (79 miles) W of Pump Station #10
- 127 km (80 miles) SSE of Nenana
- 131 km (82 miles) SSW of Salcha
- 131 km (82 miles) E of Kantishna

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 12/27/2002 05:02:20
 Latitude: 63 N 28'
 Longitude: 148 W 19'
 Depth: 14 km
 Magnitude: ML 4.5

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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