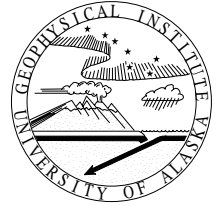




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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER



December 30, 2002

9:16 am

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Sunday, December 29th at 11:38 AM AKST in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.6 and was located at a depth of about 11 miles (17 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This earthquake was felt in Fairbanks. However, no reports of damage have been received at this time.

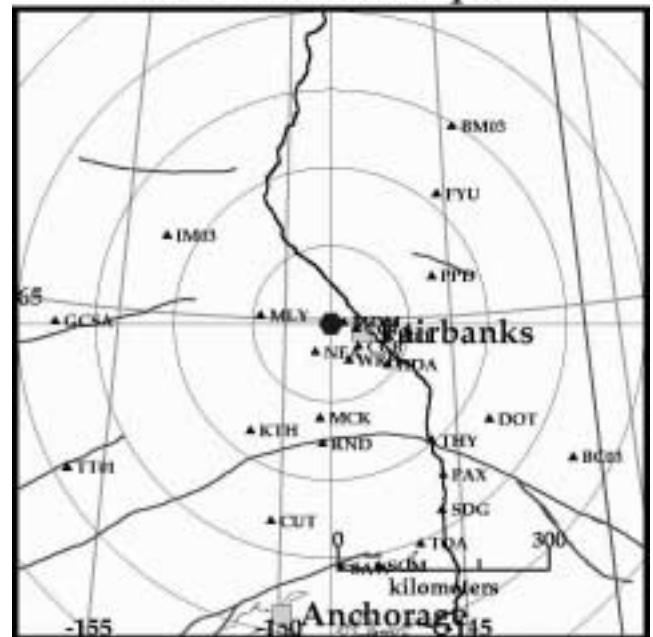
Distance to nearby locations:

- 31 km (19 miles) WNW of Ester
- 41 km (26 miles) SE of Minto
- 44 km (28 miles) SSW of Pump Station #7
- 44 km (28 miles) WNW of Fairbanks
- 47 km (29 miles) W of Fox
- 48 km (30 miles) NNE of Nenana
- 48 km (30 miles) WNW of Fort Wainwright
- 57 km (36 miles) WSW of Chatanika

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 12/29/2002 20:38:30
Latitude: 64 N 56'
Longitude: 148 W 37'
Depth: 17 km
Magnitude: ML 3.6

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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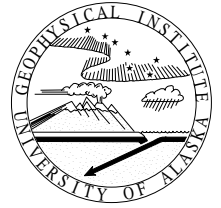
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