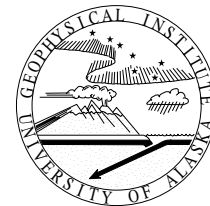


INFORMATION RELEASE



ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

October 23, 2006
10:44 am

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located an earthquake that occurred on Thursday, October 19th at 1:57 AM AKDT in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 2.1 and was located at a depth of about 4 miles (7 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This event was felt in Talkeetna. No reports of damage have been received at this time.

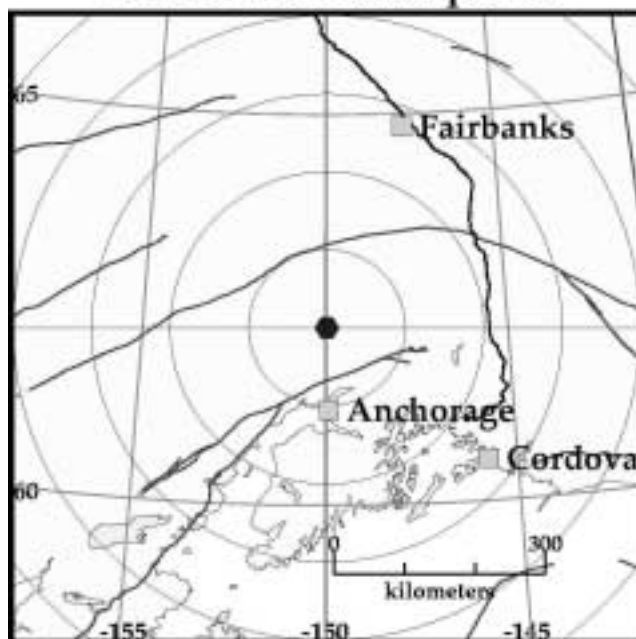
Distance to nearby locations:

10 km (6 miles) SE of Talkeetna
59 km (37 miles) N of Willow
65 km (41 miles) NNW of Hatcher Pass
73 km (45 miles) ENE of Skwentna
82 km (51 miles) NNW of Wasilla
84 km (52 miles) NW of Sutton
87 km (55 miles) NNW of Palmer
102 km (63 miles) NNW of Chugiak

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 10/19/2006 09:57:02
Latitude: 62 N 16'
Longitude: 149 W 57'
Depth: 7 km
Magnitude: ML 2.1

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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