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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

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4:01 pm

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located an earthquake that occurred on Sunday, December 31st at 4:36 AM AKST in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 2.8 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 Ester and Fairbanks. No reports of this event causing damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 18 km (12 miles) WNW of Ester
- 32 km (20 miles) W of Fairbanks
- 37 km (23 miles) W of Fort Wainwright
- 37 km (23 miles) WSW of Fox
- 48 km (30 miles) S of Pump Station #7
- 49 km (31 miles) NE of Nenana
- 50 km (31 miles) WSW of Chatanika
- 52 km (32 miles) WNW of North Pole

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Latitude: 64 N 53’
- Longitude: 148 W 23’
- Depth: 7 km
- Magnitude: ML 2.8

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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