The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Thursday, December 20th at 2:00 PM AKST in the Prince William Sound region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.7 and was located at a depth of about 4 miles (7 km). This earthquake was lightly felt in Sutton. No reports of this event having caused damage and/or injury have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 25 km (16 miles) E of Sutton
- 39 km (24 miles) ENE of Palmer
- 48 km (30 miles) E of Hatcher Pass
- 56 km (35 miles) ENE of Wasilla
- 66 km (41 miles) ENE of Chugia
- 74 km (47 miles) NE of Eagle River
- 84 km (52 miles) NE of Fort Richardson
- 86 km (54 miles) E of Willow

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Origin Time (UT): 12/20/2001 23:00:46
- Latitude: 61 N 42’
- Longitude: 148 W 25’
- Depth: 7 km
- Magnitude: ML 3.7

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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