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Mammoth Lakes Earthquake Report

Oct. 27 - Nov. 2, 2002

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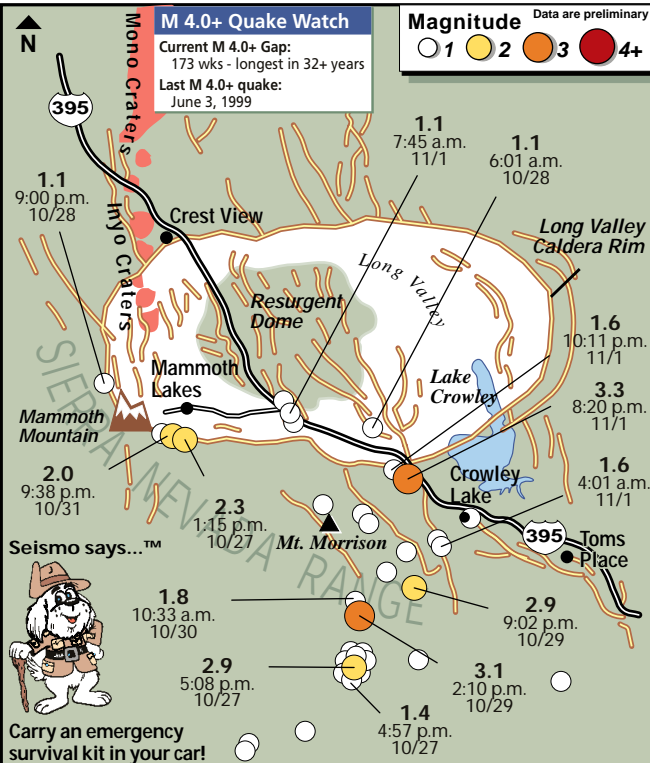


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Earthquakes for week of
Oct. 27 - Nov. 2, 2002

Magnitude M ≤ 1.0	1	2	3+	Total
This week	30	4	2	36
Previous week	16	3	1	20

▼ With much talk about the effects in Yellowstone and other parts of the Eastern United States following the powerful Alaska M 7.9 earthquake on Nov. 3, including increased seismicity and disturbed groundwater and petroleum wells, earthquake activity in the Mammoth Lakes area has shown elevated activity for the past two months. This week, seismicity increased again, rising back over the 30 quake-per-week level for the third time in five weeks. Remarkable is that the number of earthquakes has not fallen below the 20 quake-per-week mark for nine straight week – a level of seismicity not seen in more than two years.

▼ Two more quakes registered in the M 3.0 range, bringing the total to eight in the past five weeks. This is an extraordinary number considering none occurred in the previous four months. The largest quake measured M 3.3 and occurred on Nov. 1 along the caldera margin west of Lake Crowley. Two days earlier, a M 3.1 triggered in the High Sierra near Red Slate Mountain. Strangely, no one reported feeling either quake.

By Charles P. Watson, Chief geologist

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