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New map pinpoints 14,000 earthquakes in Oregon

Portland, Oregon: A new map published by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) catalogs the thousands of earthquakes that have struck Oregon from 1841 to 2002.

“Some people don’t realize we live in earthquake country,” said Acting State Geologist Dr. Vicki McConnell. “We purposely developed the map to supply information on earthquake activity in Oregon for a broad audience, not just for use by the scientific community. Looking at this map will help people understand that being prepared for a large, damaging earthquake should be a part of everyone’s emergency plans at home, at work and at school.”

In addition to pinpointing the location of earthquakes over the past 161 years, the map also shows known earthquake faults, lists the largest earthquakes to hit the state and provides information on earthquake terms, the source of earthquakes and more.

“This is a great teaching tool”, notes James Roddey, Community Education Coordinator for DOGAMI. “The map will be available free on our website (<http://www.oregongeology.com>) for viewing and downloading. We’re also working with school districts and community groups across the state to make sure they have access to the map. You can also purchase the large 3 foot by 4 foot map or the CD-ROM from the Nature of the Northwest Information Center.”

The two most active areas in the state for known earthquakes are the Klamath Falls area and the Portland metro area.

OFR O-03-02, Map of Selected Earthquakes for Oregon, 1841 through 2002, by Clark

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A. Niewendorp and Mark E. Neuhaus, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, is available on CD-ROM for \$10 or \$15 for the printed map from the Nature of the Northwest Information Center, 800 NE Oregon Street #5, Portland, Oregon 97232. You may also call (503) 872-2750 or order online at <http://www.naturenw.org>. There is a \$3 shipping and handling charge for all mailed items.

Additionally, these items as well as all department maps can be purchased at DOGAMI Field Offices including 5375 Monument Drive, Grants Pass, (541) 476-2496 and 1510 Campbell Street, Baker City, (541) 523-3133.

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State, and has a broad responsibility in developing a geologic understanding of natural hazards. We then make this information available to communities and individuals to help reduce the risks from earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

For more information on upcoming events and current projects, contact James Roddey at 800 NE Oregon St., Portland, OR 97232, (503) 731-4100, ext. 242 or DOGAMI field offices at: 1510 Campbell St., Baker City, (541) 523-3133; 5375 Monument Drive, Grants Pass, (541) 476-2496; and the Mined Land Regulation and Reclamation Program, 229 Broadalbin St. SW, Albany, (541) 967-2039.

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