

Magnitude 3.5 earthquake strikes San Andreas Fault off Calif. Coast

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An earthquake with a 3.5 preliminary magnitude struck an undersea portion of the San Andreas Fault off the California coast on Thursday afternoon.

The United States Geological Survey recorded the tremor at 156 miles west of Ferndale.

While quakes in the Ferndale-Eureka area are very common, the region has been more active recently with a 4.9 magnitude quake hitting a connected fault line a few hundred miles north, and 21 other quakes above magnitude 2.5 hitting that area in the past 30 days. The largest was a 4.4 centered south of Eureka on the San Andreas Fault.

No tsunami warning has been issued in connection with the small tremor Thursday.