

Nevada Earthquake Swarm Intensifies as Hundreds of Tremors Shake Region

An ongoing earthquake swarm in western Nevada has rattled residents for weeks as hundreds of tremors continue striking near Silver Springs, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The Daily Mail reported that more than 200 earthquakes have been detected in the region since April 20, including a magnitude 5.2 earthquake on May 1 that was felt across Nevada and parts of California. Since Sunday alone, 19 additional earthquakes have struck the area, with five occurring Monday. The strongest Monday tremors reached magnitude 2.5.

Scientists say the seismic activity is centered in Nevada's Basin and Range Province, where the Earth's crust is gradually stretching and thinning. The region also sits within the Walker Lane seismic zone, an active fault system known for frequent earthquake activity. According to the Daily Mail, "The Earth's crust in this region has gradually stretched and thinned, creating frequent faulting and seismic activity."



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The article noted that the recent swarm included several stronger earthquakes, including a magnitude 4.8 quake near Carson City on April 22 followed by a magnitude 4.3 and magnitude 5.2 quake just minutes apart on May 1. Since the larger May 1 event, dozens of additional tremors have continued south of Silver Springs and near Lahontan Reservoir.

Residents described powerful shaking during the stronger quakes. "It's the same area that's been rocking us the past week. It's not stopping; I fear volcanic activity," one person

said following the April 22 earthquake. Another resident wrote on Facebook, “Our house shook pretty good. It lasted longer than most do.”

The continuing seismic unrest comes as another cluster of earthquakes recently struck near the highly classified Area 51 military installation in southern Nevada, intensifying online speculation surrounding unusual activity in the region. According to reports citing U.S. Geological Survey data, at least 17 earthquakes were recorded near Area 51 over 24 hours between April 29 and April 30, including a magnitude 4.4 quake at a shallow depth.

Geophysicist Stefan Burns described the location as “an unusual place to get an earthquake,” noting the shallow depth made the activity noteworthy because of the region’s history of underground military and nuclear testing. The area surrounding Area 51 and the Nevada Test Site has long been linked to Cold War-era weapons testing, fueling renewed online theories connecting the recent tremors to classified activity and UFO speculation.

No injuries have been reported from the ongoing swarm, though residents across the region say the repeated shaking has left many on edge.

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