# Earthquake Hazards in Lyon County

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NBMG Map 167, *Quaternary Faults in Nevada*, is now available not only as a poster but also as an interactive map (Open-File Report 09-9) on line at <u>www.nbmg.unr.edu.</u> You can use it to locate your home or business.







www.nbmg.unr.edu



The map has ~130 major faults (with lengths >19 miles or 30 km), ~300 intermediate faults with lengths of 6-19 miles (10-30 km), and >1,150 smaller faults. Surface breakage typically occurs when an earthquake is greater than or equal to magnitude 6.5.



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The locations, ages of latest rupture, and other features of the faults are in a geographic information systems (GIS) database, which is accessible on line at www.nbmg.unr.edu.



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Faults are shown as 1,000-meter-wide swaths, here on an aerial photograph base.



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The USGS integrates (1) fault, (2) earthquake, and (3) geodetic data into its probabilistic seismic hazard analysis.

(1) Active faults occur nearly everywhere in Nevada, including Lyon County.





(2) Earthquakes have occurred throughout Nevada.

# Large Historical Earthquakes near Lyon County

Date	<u>Magnitude</u>	Near
1852?	7.3	Fallon
1932	7.1	Cedar Mtn.
July 6, 1954 (a)	6.6	Rainbow Mtn.
11 hours later (b)	6.0	Fourmile Flat
August 24, 1954 (c)	6.8	Stillwater
December 16, 1954	(d) 7.1	Fairview Peak
4 minutes later (e)	6.8	Dixie Valley
March 23, 1959	6.3	Dixie Valley
1994	5.8	Double Spring Flat



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PERCEIVED SHAKING	Nottell	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
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(3) Geodetic data indicate that the **Basin and Range** province is gaining about 1.3 acres of area per year through crustal extension, and that western Nevada is accommodating ~20% of the North American-**Pacific plate** interaction.

Kreemer and Hammond (2007)



In Nevada, much of the right-lateral shear between the North American and Pacific plates occurs along northwest-striking strike-slip faults of the Walker Lane.

Extension largely is accommodated along N- to NE-striking, basin-bounding normal faults.

Walker Lane

40 60 kilometers

The U.S. Geological Survey integrates our geologic, seismic, and geodetic observations to create a probabilistic seismic hazard analysis, which is used in the International Building Code.





The probability of a magnitude 6.0 earthquake occurring within 50 km of Wells, Nevada within the next 50 years is approximately 9%. It happened on 21 February 2008.



# The probability of a magnitude 6.0 earthquake occurring within 50 km of Yerington within the next 50 years is approximately 60%, considerably higher than for Wells.

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Probability





# The hazard: expressed in terms of probability of an earthquake of a given magnitude occurring within 50 years and within 50 km of the community.

	% Probab	ility of mag	gnitude greate	er than or eq	ual to magnitude
Community	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0
Dayton	>90	~80	70-75	50-55	15-18
Carson City	>90	~80	70	50-55	12-15
Reno	>90	~80	67	50	12-15
Yerington	>90	~75	60	40-45	12
Silver Springs	>90	~70	50-60	30-40	10-12
Fernley	90	~70	48	35	8
Las Vegas	40-50	~30	12	4-5	<0.5
Elko	30-40	~25	10-15	6-8	0.5-1
Wells	30-40	~20	9	6	0.5-1
Laughlin	10-20	~5	2-3	0.5-1	<0.5

Data are from the USGS at http://eqint.cr.usgs.gov/eqprob/2002/index.php. Values for magnitude 5.5 are extrapolated between 5.0 and 6.0.

# So what?

# Who cares?

NBMG Open-File Report 09-8, *Estimated Losses from Earthquakes near Nevada Communities*, demonstrates that the consequences of earthquakes can be huge in Nevada, particularly if individuals are not prepared.





Earthquake risks in Nevada are assessed by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology using the Federal Emergency Management Agency's lossestimation model, HAZUS-MH, and the U.S. Geological Survey's probabilistic seismic hazard analysis. These loss estimates are useful in hazard-mitigation planning, in building scenarios for emergency response and recovery exercises, and in helping emergency managers and the Governor make decisions on official disaster declarations after an actual earthquake.


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Uncertainties in the location of epicenters, depths, and magnitude, when combined with changing population and uncertainties in local effects (soil and rock types, assumptions about attenuation, basin geometry, liquefaction potential, and directivity), make loss estimates generally consistent within one order of magnitude (a factor of 10).

HAZUS estimates for total economic loss from a magnitude 6.0 earthquake and probability of an earthquake of this magnitude or greater occurring within 50 years and within 50 km of the community.

Community	<b>Total Economic Loss</b>	Probability in 50 years within 50 km
Las Vegas	\$7.2 billion	12%
Reno	\$1.9 billion	67%
Stateline	\$590 million	60 to 70%
Dayton	\$340 million	70-75%
Elko	\$160 million	10 to 15%
Fernley	\$62 million	48%
Silver Springs	\$60 million	50-60%
Yerington	\$56 million	<b>60%</b>
Wells	\$30 million	9%

Total economic loss is from HAZUS. Probabilities are from the USGS at http://eqint.cr.usgs.gov/eqprob/2002/index.php .



Earthquake faults occur throughout Nevada, and potential losses from earthquakes are high for many communities.

The consequences of earthquakes can be huge in Nevada, particularly if individuals are not prepared.

A. Be prepared to respond.

B. Mitigate structural risks, largely through building codes and avoiding faults and areas of liquefaction.

C. Mitigate nonstructural risks.

Unreinforced masonry building (URM) that collapsed during the Wells earthquake on 21 February 2008

View from back, 20 May 2009

View from front, 20 May 2009

# Some possible URMs in Yerington



### Residential



# Some possible URMs in Fernley



### Residential



# Some possible URMs in Dayton



### Residential



## Some possible URMs in Silver Springs



Residential

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Nonstructural damage often can be easily prevented.





Secured computers at the Clark County Building Department

# Thank you!

And thanks to Gary Johnson, Christine Ballard, Heather Armeno, Irene Seeley, Linda D. Goar, and Jordan T. Hastings for their work on the open-file reports (OF 09-8 and 09-9), which are available as online documents at www.nbmg.unr.edu.

From there, go to online documents at http://www.nbmg.unr.edu/dox/dox.htm, then scroll down to OF 09-8 or 09-9. Link to the fault map from OF 09-9.



