Summary of Personal Accounts

Description: Summary descriptions of Felt Report questionnaires
Author: Various

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Information Categories

A -- Aid:

provide medical services, shelter, donations, loans, advice, encouragement, implement safety measures

B -- Building Damage:

structure itself plus windows and chimneys (typically damage visible from outside the building)

E -- Earthquake

Description:

where, when, duration, direction, sound, motion, number and timing of aftershocks

G -- Geologic Effects:

changes at the Earth's surface, fault scarps, rockfalls, landslides, ground cracks, ground subsidence, sand boils, water spouts; effects on springs, lakes, wells

H -- Humor:

I -- Impact:

changes in daily routine; rumors; influx of reporters, politicians, cost in dollars

L -- Lifelines:

effects on transportation: roads, bridges, railroads, airports effects on communications: telephone, telegraph effects on power, gas, water, and sewer lines effects on dams

N -- Nonstructural Effects:

effects on plaster, furnishings (typically damage or rearrangement of furnishings visible inside a building)

P -- People:

effects on and responses to, during and after; deaths, injuries, near misses

R -- Recovery:

clean up, rebuild

S -- Scientific:

explanation of the day

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Summaries of "Felt Earthquake Reports" (returned newspaper questionnaires)

Source: files of University of Utah Seismograph Stations None of these summaries are from the epicentral area.

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Lasted less than 30 seconds. Felt by 2 adults in brick home. Occupants were on the 1st floor, sitting watching TV. The ground and house vibrated briefly. The shock seemed to come from the east. The ground underneath the house was filled-in soil on level plane. No damage to structure. Heard a creaking of the walls.

"We simply felt the ground and house vibrate briefly; we were sitting watching TV, and realized the cause was an earthquake. The shock seemed to come from the east."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt a slow motion for about 10 to 15 seconds in home. Occupant was on 1st floor, sitting while talking on the phone. Mentioned strongly feeling movement. The house sat on level soil. Hanging objects did swing in a NE direction, but pendulum clock facing NE did not stop. There was cracked plaster on the walls. Damage was slight. "Was talking about tornadoes & wind storms when earthquake was felt. My daughter laughed, thought I was teasing; 1/2 hour later it came on TV from S.L.C. Ut. It was not funny then."

Heyburn, Idaho:

Felt a strong slow swaying motion from north to south for about 10 seconds or less. Felt by all occupants in home. House is wood structure on compact soil. Person was lying on davenport watching TV when felt davenport sway slightly from north to south. Recognized it immediately as earthquake tremor. No damage.

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt a strong rapid movement for 30 seconds. House is wood located on compact fill. Occupant was on the 1st floor sitting down. Frightened all in home. Hanging objects did swing very much. Shifted small objects and furnishings about 6 inches. No damage. "Not everyone in our neighborhood or Twin Falls felt the shock. Television reception was impaired but all electricity was not interrupted."

Murtaugh, Idaho:

Farm in Milner area. Felt a rapid motion of 2 shocks lasting 10 to 15 seconds combined. Felt by all in home. Structure was of wood. Motion was strongly felt on 1st floor while sitting down. House is located on soil slope. Frightened a few in community. Rattling of windows, bookcase glass doors and wind chimes. Hanging objects did swing in an ENE direction. Cracked the plaster in the neighbor's house. No damage in this house. "Roar like a very strong wind before shocks were felt."

Murtaugh, Idaho:

Felt a medium motion for about 2 minutes. Felt by several people in home. Motion was strongly felt by occupant while sitting down. House is located on level compact soil.

Outside ground motion was felt in a NE direction. Shifted small objects and furnishings. No damage.

"Have a 2 story frame tenant house about a mile NE of us. Is older house. Door could not be opened or closed until sill was lowered as it buckled. Also figure the house was moved slightly on foundation. Several new cracks in inner walls."

Dietrich, Idaho:

Felt a slow ground motion for a few seconds. Felt by several people in home and community. House is located on level surface of rock and soil. Observer was in wood frame home on 1st floor lying down when felt strong motion, that rocked north and south. "I was resting on the couch watching Harry O on the TV set. At about 8:30 or so, I felt the couch gently `rock' back & forth for a few seconds. I wondered at the time what it was & I even wondered if I had imagined it. Later, I heard of the quake on a news cast, and I heard of others in our area who had felt the tremors."

Burley, Idaho:

Felt a rapid motion for not too long. Observer was in a wood home situated on compacted soil. The observer was on the 1st floor lying down when felt strong motion. Frightened. Rattled windows and doors. There was some creaking of wall and frame. Everything did swing and rocking chair and flower cart moved. No damage. "SCARY I thought the world was ending."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

"An earthquake was not felt on 3-27-75-8:30 pm at Twin Falls, Idaho. In wood 2 story dwelling strongly built. I was sitting on pillow on floor of sunken living room - husband was sitting on couch. Six other persons in room. No one felt it. Ground in locality is compact soil."

Heyburn, Idaho:

Felt a slow ground motion for about 5 seconds. Felt by all in home. House is one story brick structure located on level compacted soil. Felt strongly by all in home, sitting and active. Frightened all. Hanging objects were swinging from east to west. Pendulum clocks facing north and south did not stop. No damage.

"I was leaning against kitchen counter facing east and it was just like I was in a rocking chair, very rhythmic rocking back & forth. My wife was sitting on a stool facing north, and she felt likt the stool was rocking from side to side. It was a smooth quake and not a jolt or harsh. Just appeared as though someone was pushing me forward and back smoothly as I leaned against the counter."

Jerome, Idaho:

Felt a rapid motion for less than a minute. House is a brick structure located on rock slope. Observer felt motion strongly on 1st floor while sitting down. Frightened one in home. Hanging objects swayed in a northerly direction. No damage.

"We have a day-light basement home built into a slight hill. We were not at home the evening of Mar. 27, but in Twin Falls at the College of Southern Idaho & weren't aware of the quake. Our 11 year old son was home on the main floor watching TV & felt the

house shake & the chandelier & hanging plants were swinging. Our daughter & her girlfriend were in the basement & didn't feel any movement."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt rapid motion for approximately 10 seconds. Observer was in wood structure located on level compacted soil. Felt weakly on 1st floor while observer was sitting down. Rattling of windows and dishes. Pendulum clock facing west did not stop. Large plant on table shook. No damage.

"At the time, I was watching television and I noticed that I could not hear it well all of a sudden. I next noticed the windows rattling and my impression was that an airplane was flying over, but it lasted longer. I then noticed the plant quivering, & then I got frightened. Never having felt a tremor before, it did not occur to me that that is what it was! I closed the curtains & locked the door!"

Burley, Idaho:

Felt slow motion for about 5 seconds. Felt by all in home. Occupants were in wood structure on 1st floor lying down or sitting on floor, and motion was felt to a medium degree. No one frightened. Heard a creaking of walls and frame. Observed swinging of hanging objects in a questionable E-W direction. Shifted a small lamp. No damage. "Felt 2 quakes - one real short about 1-2 seconds then after about 1 second felt the second shock for about 3-4 seconds."

Afton, Wyoming:

Felt a slow motion for about 3-4 seconds. Felt by many in home. Observer was in wood structure located on level rock & soil compacted. Felt strongly on 1st floor while sitting down. Others felt motion outside. Rattled dishes, pool table and couch. Hanging objects were swinging. No damage. "Cuckoo clock chains and weights swung."

Grover, Wyoming:

Felt at Grover as slow motion for about 10 or 15 seconds. Felt by all in brick structure located on level soil. Observer was lying down. Frightened all. Hanging objects swung. No damage.

Alpine, Wyoming:

Felt rapid motion for few seconds. Observer was at home and felt it strongly, in a wood structure on the 1st floor while sitting down. Structure is located on level compact ground. All in home were awake. Frightened no one. Rattled windows, cracked plaster on floors. Outside wind was blowing. Slight damage to wood and masonry structures. "Our fireplace was cracked - also our floors in several places. The wind was blowing very hard outside. I looked out the window because I thought the wind had to be very strong to shake our home like that. It rumbled a little. We were having a teenage meeting & I didn't mention it to them because they appeared not to feel it. We (my husband & 4 other people) felt a strong aftershock around midnight the Sat. night following it - at about 12 midnight. It could have been 12:30 a.m. It waved a cement floor in a business we have next door to our home. It rumbled like a large truck on the highway but there was no traffic. In case our neighbors who live on the other side of the

Snake River don't send this in, they felt it too & the screen on their fireplace rattled & swayed. They live a mile from us."

Kemmerer, Wyoming:

Felt a slow to medium motion for about 10 seconds. Observer was in wood structure on compacted soil slope. Motion was strongly felt by observer on 2nd floor while sitting down. Frightened no one. Hanging objects were observed to be swinging in a EW direction. No damage.

"Reclining in chair. Motion was distinct, rumbling impression. Chair lamp began swinging, wall clock (on north wall) shifted to east on hanger."

Afton, Wyoming:

Felt a medium motion for about 10 to 15 seconds. Motion was strongly felt by all. Structure is trailor house located on level compacted soil. Observer was on 1st floor sitting down. Frightened no one. Hanging objects were observed to be swinging NS direction. No damage. "Could feel my chair move that I was sitting in."

Thayne, Wyoming:

Felt by all as a rapid motion for several seconds. Observer was in a wood & brick house located on level ground of rock and soil filled in. Motion was felt strongly by on 1st floor of home while sitting down. Frightened no one. Rattled windows and doors. No damage. "The wind was blowing at the time. At first we thought the wind had increased all at once."

Bedford, Wyoming:

Felt a slow motion for about 10 seconds. Observer was in house located on level rock ground. Felt strongly by observer while sitting down. Frightened no one. No damage. "Felt slight tremor once or twice. Motion - chair moved from South to North."

Afton, Wyoming:

Felt a medium motion for about 5-6 seconds. Felt strongly by several people in wood structure located on level soil. Observer was on 1st floor sitting down. North-South motion was observed outside. Frightened a few in home. Rattled windows and doors, and hanging objects, lights swung.

"I also felt the one last year but this one was stronger."

Smoot, Wyoming:

Felt a slow motion for less than a minute. Felt strongly by observer in wood home on 2nd floor while sitting down in a reclining chair. Structure was located on level compacted ground. No damage.

"Made me feel dizzy."

Alpine, Wyoming:

Felt a weak slow motion while at home. Felt by several people. Observer was in wood structure located on soil, and was on 1st floor sitting down. No damage.

"March 27 8:32 p.m. I was sitting in my home in the big chair. I felt 5 small tremors, sort

of small jerks, for about 4 seconds. On March the 28th around 7:30 in the evening I was sitting down, & felt 2 small jerks that lasted about 2 seconds."

Afton, Wyoming:

Felt slow motion for about 5-10 seconds. Structure is a mobile home located on level soil. Felt weakly by observer while sitting down. Observed EW ground motion outside. No damage.

Afton, Wyoming:

Felt a slow rolling motion. Observer was in a concrete block home located on level rock soil. Felt strongly by observer on 1st floor while sitting down. Rattled windows and doors a little. No damage. "My husband and I were watching T.V., sitting in rocking chairs, and it felt like a wave making the rocking chairs do a rocking motion as if they were rocking opposite from they way they should rock. We were facing west, so the rolling felt like So. going No. or back & forth."

Afton, Wyoming:

Felt rapid motion for about 30 seconds. There were 2 observers in brick home located on rocky ground. Observers were on 2nd floor sitting down. Frightened no one. Slight motion of trees and bushes observed. No damage. "Sitting in chair. Sideways motion - EW & NS."

Fairview, Wyoming:

Felt rapid motion for about 5 seconds. Felt by all in wooden home situated on level, rock & soil. Observer felt it strongly while sitting down. Frightened many. Walls creaked; hanging objects were swinging. Pendulum clocks facing N did not stop. No damage. "So far we know of no damage. We were visiting - I was in a recliner chair and it made me feel like I was dizzy. The ceiling lights were swinging, beads on a floor lamp swung to & fro & the cuckoo clock chains really swung. It gave us a very startled feeling."

Afton, Wyoming:

Felt a rapid motion for about 5 seconds. Felt by several. Felt strongly by observer on 1st floor of a wood structure situated on level soil, while sitting down. Frightened a few. Hanging objects did swing in a westerly direction. Pendulum clocks facing north did not stop. Shifted furnishings. No damage.

Murtaugh, Idaho:

Felt rapid motion for about 3-5 seconds. Felt by several in a wood and cinder block structure, strongly built. Observer was on 1st floor (wood) sitting down. Ground underneath locality was level, rock & soil. No one awakened or frightened. Rattling of windows, doors, and dishes. Hanging objects were swinging slightly. No damage. "I'm not sure about the time, but it was the time of the severest shock on the Richter scale. I also felt a jolt a short time later when I was sitting on a footstool although my husband didn't feel it - also pop bottles rattled. Before it shook us I heard a rumbling noise."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

"We understand the quake was felt by some in our area but we didn't notice anything except some unusual behavior of our dog (poodle). On the day of the quake she hid behind the couch or rocking chair and walked in a crouched position. We were completely baffled, as she had never behaved this way before (and has not since). When we heard of the earthquake, we wondered if that was the cause of such unusual behavior."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt rapid motion for about 30 seconds by observer in home, strongly built of wood & brick. Observer was on 1st floor sitting and active. Structure has cement foundation and basement. No one was awakened or frightened. Didn't notice any rattling of windows, doors, dishes, nor any swinging. Shook chairs around table. No damage. "I was sitting at the dining room table sorting newspapers and my chair started to move. I grabbed the table to steady myself because I thought I was going to fall. I believe the chair by me moved, too."

Bellevue, Idaho:

Felt slow motion for about 3 seconds, by observer in weakly built wood structure while sitting and standing on 1st floor. Structure is on level, marshy fill. One person frightened. Hanging objects were swinging in a EW direction. No damage. "I was sitting down watching tv. The first thing I noticed was all of a sudden, no warning, I was lightheaded and my mother was dizzy. My mother was standing up. I noticed the floor lamp pole was moving some on my left hand side, and I wondered then what the heck was going on. Then I noticed the lamp shades were swinging, and I knew it was an earthquake. The lamp shades was swinging moderately. They swung from east to west. The house felt like it was on water and the sofa chair felt like it moved clockwise circle motion, but the chair did not move. The motion was moderate. I did notice during the day, we sometimes get a north wind for a few hours in the morning, but not all day. Well on March 27th we had a north wind that was cold and blew all day until 4:00 P.M. It was calm the rest of the evening. I saw two hawks in the grove, but no small birds. My two dogs didn't bark or anything before or during the earthquake. We had 12 and a half inches of snow on the ground at this time. I so far have not found any earthquake damage. Our artesian wells have not been muddy or the pressure unusual. ... On March 28, 1975 Mom and me was in our own beds, and we felt a slight jiggle of our beds, which almost had to be a tremor at close to 11:00P.M. I'll let you know if I feel anymore."

Hagemen, Idaho:

Felt in home for moments by all. Observer was in rock building, strongly built, on first floor, sitting and standing. Direction of outdoor motion was west, thru house S to N. Ground underneath unknown (building too old). There was no rattling of windows, doors, or creaking of walls, frame, nor swinging of hanging objects. No damage. "We were all in house. Just the building moved."

Kimberly, Idaho:

Felt rapid motion in home for about 6 or 7 seconds. Observer was in a strongly built wood structure on first floor sitting down. House is situated on level rock. Frightened observer. A picture bumped against wall. Hanging objects were observed swinging in a northerly direction. Chairs were moving. Plaster in basement cracked. Damage was in form of small cracks opened in walls.

"Earthquake back in 1944, in the Fall, cracked basement floor considerably. Recent tremor reopened cracks and widened others considerably. Cracks that were filled in and plastered over in basement walls reopened. Cracks in the upstairs ceiling also reopened."

Rupert, Idaho:

Felt rapid motion for approximately one minute. Felt by all in home. Observer was in a strongly built 2 story wood structure with rock & cement basement, and was sitting on the 2nd floor. Ground underneath was level, rock & soil compact. Frightened a few in home. No observed motion of objects. No damage. Located one mile west of Minidoka dam.

"Sounded like a hard wind coming. It felt like the house was rocking. Our chairs rocked under us. That's when we knew it was a tremor instead of wind."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt slow movement for about a second in home. Home was strongly built wood structure. Observer was on 1st floor, sitting. No one in home awakened or frightened. Observed hanging objects swinging but unclear on direction. No other movement of objects was observed. No damage.

"I was sitting on the davenport in the living room & felt it on my back. My husband was in the kitchen on a hard chair & never felt it at all and never saw the light swing slightly."

Burley, Idaho:

Felt a slow motion of rolling waves for about 2 minutes by several people in home and community. Home is wood, brick veneer strongly built. Observer was on ground floor, sitting. Motion outdoors was observed from So to North. Ground underneath was soil; house had a full basement. Some people frightened. The rattling of windows and creaking of walls and frame was so loud, "I thought upstairs was coming down. Lamps rocked." Cracked plaster "opened some hairline cracks & made new ones." Slight damage.

"I was sitting on couch with feet elevated when I felt a roll (wave-like) go under me. Then a second one & a third. The lamp on the end table by me rocked & a large plant in the N.E. corner rocked back and forth. It lasted long enough for me to go thro' 3 waves & then I started to go to another room with my husband when it stopped. I felt it more than he, probably because I was near an outside wall - right over the basement foundation. I also felt the aftershock the 28th about 10:15 but not the one the next a.m. as I was walking around."

The following is from a letter that was included in the questionnaire. "I talked to people on the west side of town who didn't feel it at all, but those of us on the east side (maybe because we're nearer the river) felt it strongly. One lady in a newly built brick veneer

one story church said the whole building creaked & groaned. A lady at Rupert, ID - 7 mi. No.E of us & living 1/2 block from a big deep canal didn't feel it at all while others (away from the canal) near her did feel it quite strongly. (Rupert is across the Snake River channel from us.) So is Heyburn about 2mi. NoE. but one friend near a drain ditch there didn't even feel it. I hope this will help!"

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt rapid motion for about 2-3 seconds in a strongly built brick building. Observer was on the 1st floor sitting. Structure located on level, compacted soil. No one awakened and no one frightened. Easter lily blooms swung. No damage.

"I sat in the northeast corner of the room. I was most conscious of the tremor in my arms as they rested on the arms of an overstuffed chair. The Easter lily sat on a small table - about 6 ft. (west of) from me."

Rupert, Idaho:

Felt rapid motion for about 20 seconds. Observer was in a strongly built brick building on the 1st floor and was sitting down. Structure is located on level, filled in soil. Few were frightened. Dishes rattled and swayed floor lights. No damage.

Jerome, Idaho:

Felt slow motion by several people in First United Presbyterian Church. Structure is strongly built brick situated on compacted rock on level. Observers were on first floor of building sitting down. "A potted Easter lily on the organ swayed." No damage. "The swaying and rocking motion made me feel dizzy like I might be going to faint and when the lily started to sway, I was sure of it, then it was all over."

Eden, Idaho:

Felt a slow shuddering movement for 2 seconds, then a 2 second gap, then 2 more seconds of movement. Observer was sitting on 1st floor of home located about 3/4 mi north of Snake River Gorge. Observer was in a wood structure "well-built on concrete foundation; 60 yr old house" strongly built 1_ story. Ground underneath "60ft volcanic ash, fairly level - crevice at right angle to canyon 65 feet below earth surface. Caused problem when drilling a well. No one frightened or awakened. No shifting of objects. Boston bullterrier barked at second shock. No damage.

"This was not nearly as noticeable as the West Yellowstone one in 1959. It had a definite rolling motion, whereas, as I said before, this recent one shuddered, and then shuddered again. There was another in the Snowville area, in 1934, I believe. It was felt more here than this last one."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt mild vibrations for approx. one or two seconds by observer in home. Structure is strongly built cinder block building situated on level soil. Observer was on first floor sitting. No one awakened and few frightened. No damage.

"As I was sitting on our sofa reading the newspaper, I felt a slight, mild vibration. It only lasted a second or two. However, my son was sitting at the table doing homework and felt nothing. (We live approximately 12 miles south of Twin Falls.)"

Jerome, Idaho:

Felt slow motion for a few seconds. Structure was wood strongly built and observer was on 1st floor active. The dishes, nicknacks & antique lamps on top of china cabinets shook. 2 bookcases rattled. No damage.

"Couldn't figure why the lamp glass tops and hanging cup & saucers were making a noise. I thought the kids did something. They were in front room and thought I did it in the kitchen."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt slow motion for several seconds three times by all in home. Structure is strongly built on level rock/soil. Observer was outdoors sitting and active. Windows, doors, dishes rattled and walls and frames creaked. Some hanging objects were observed swinging. Trees & bushes shaken slightly. Shifted small objects & furnishings. No damage. "Having been through several earthquakes in other areas and in foreign countries I almost immediately panicked. However, reason conquered, and I took note of the happenings,... and found the sensation a bit like having a glass of strong liquer on an empty stomach. Our pet cats were terrified and were difficult to control. They seemed more affected than we."

Declo, Idaho:

Felt rapid motion. "Felt like [it lasted] a couple of minutes - had time to walk to other rooms & back during." Home is wood situated on marshy ground. Observer was on first floor sitting. Frightened all in home. Observed swinging of hanging objects and slight shifting of small objects and furnishings. No damage.

"Our daughter, age 14_ and son, age 11_, were in the house alone. They didn't know what to think. Our son thought they should get under a doorway. We were enroute home from Pocatello about 10 minutes away from Declo on interstate 80. My husband and I did not feel anything in the car. Children were quite 'wide eyed!' when we arrived. Neighbor had already called to see if they had felt the earthquake!"

Albion, Idaho:

Felt moderate motion in a strongly built modular mobilehome for about 18 - 20 seconds. Structure located on sloping rock & soil. Direction of outdoor motion was north-south. All awake at time. Rattled windows, doors, dishes, hanging lamps. Moderate creaking of walls. Doors were observed swinging N-S and one clock started. No damage. "We lived in Perris, Calif. during the Tehachapi earthquake & this seemed to be of the same intensity. This quake had a definite rolling motion and was one of the few we did not hear before it hit."

Burley, Idaho:

Felt slow motion in strongly built brick home for 1/2 minute altogether. Observer was on ground floor sitting. Structure located on level compacted soil. Frightened all in home. No damage. "Was holding my granddaughter on my lap & I thought she was pushing her feet against the wall & jiggling some. Then it stopped & started again & I knew it was an earthquake."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt steady motion in mobile home by observer and wife for about 10 - 13 seconds. Frightened all. No damage.

"We were sitting in our front room. I was sitting on the floor against our couch and my wife was sitting on the couch, when all of a sudden it started moving like it does when our washer is in spinning motion."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt slow motion in strongly built brick veneer home for about 3 seconds. Structure situated on sloping rocky soil. Observers were on ground floor and basement lying down and sitting. Some rattling of windows. No one frightened. No damage. "A slight southeast and northwest movement was felt by 3 persons sitting and one lying down in living room on ground floor in southwest corner of house, and by one person lying down in basement room in northeast corner of house. Not noticed by two persons sitting in basement room under the living room. One person in the living room heard a faint rumble, another heard a sound like a wind. Our two dogs barked during the motion, but not before or after. The person who heard the rumbling sound was lying down; the one hearing a sound like wind was sitting near a window. The dogs were outside."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt slow motion in strongly built wood home for about 2 seconds while lying down. Structure is situated on level soil.

"The rest of the family (wife & 2 boys) were talking and walking around in the kitchen; didn't feel it at all."

Rupert, Idaho:

Felt slow motion in strongly built wood home for about 10-12 seconds. Observers were in basement and top level of split-level house lying and sitting down. Structure is located on level sandy soil. All were awake, and many frightened. Some swinging of hanging objects was observed. No damage. No shifting of furnishings.

"The couch which we were seated on quite noticeably rocked in a N-S direction, and the bed our 6 yr.-old was in shook enough to frighten him."

Logan, Utah:

Felt a slow motion by all in "my parents-in-law home" a strongly built plaster stucco structure with a main floor - basement underneath located on level compact soil. Outside ground motion was observed in East & West direction. Hanging objects were swinging. Trees and bushes were shaking slightly. Very slight cracks of plaster. Slight damage to masonry.

Twin Falls Idaho:

Felt a rapid motion for less than a minute by two in home, a strongly built brick structure, one floor & basement. Observer was in sitting position. A few were awaked. No damage.

"One would have to have been still to have felt it. Three others in the family were active and did not feel it."

Fairfield, Idaho:

Felt a sway for about 15-20 seconds by several at school dance in a weakly built structure located on gravel. Observer was on 1st floor in a sitting position. No one frightened. "No rattling only swaying motion" Hanging objects were swinging. No damage.

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt a slow motion for 2 minutes in home, a weakly built wood structure located on level soil. Outside ground motion observed in an easterly direction. Observer was on 1st floor in a sitting position. No damage.

Rupert, Idaho:

Felt a rapid motion for approx. 15 secs by several in home, a strongly built brick structure located on compact soil. Observer was in a sitting position. Observed ground movement outside was N&S direction. Frightened all. Walls and frame creaked. Hanging objects were swinging N-S. No damage.

Rupert, Idaho:

Felt rapid motion for 10 seconds by all in strongly built brick structure located on level compact sand. Outside motion in NNW - SSE direction. Observer was on 1st floor in a sitting position; others were active. Frightened few in community. Rattled windows, walls, frame & floor area creaked. No damage.

"While crouching down and standing up, balance was slightly disturbed."

Rupert, Idaho:

Felt a slow motion for 20-50 seconds by all. A strongly built mobile home on full basement located on loose sand. Outside motion observed in East to West direction. Observer was on 1st floor in a sitting position. Frightened few. Frame was "not really creaking - just slight moving" Shifted some small objects. Cracked "some moulding in basement" Slight damage to wood.

Rupert, Idaho:

Felt a rapid motion for apprx. 30 sec. by all in home, a wood structure located on level compact ground. Observer was on 1st floor in a sitting position. No damage. "Rapid vibration of our two recliners we were sitting in. Small rocking chair across the room rocking back & forth, from north to south. No disturbance of television reception during tremor."

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt a slow motion for 60 sec or so by several in home and community. Observer was in wood, brick apartment building of two floors, located on compact, level, sloping steep. No damage. "Was lying in bathtub & thought it was pipe vibration from another apartment. Could not quite sit up - a type of uncontrollable movement. Husband was on couch and felt movement."

Burley, Idaho:

Felt first a slow then hard motion for about 1/2 minute at home, a strongly built brick structure. Observer was on main floor in a sitting position. Frightened all in home. Rattled dishes, shifted small objects. No damage.

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt a slow motion for short duration in home, a weakly built wood structure located on soil. Observer was on 1st floor in a sitting position. No damage. "Husband sitting 8 ft away did not feel this. I felt the same motion as I did in Mexico City in 1973. Dizzy." "Using high TV antennae to receive Boise stations; had this tuned to channel 2 watching a special; heard a horrible crack or pop and almost black out. Our Siamese cat asleep in a chair jumped and ran to the TV putting her feet up on it. I then switched to channel 7 and found they were flashing the bulletin of an earthquake."

Eden, Idaho:

Felt a slow motion for approx. 2-3 seconds by observer and 2 children in home, a weakly built wood structure located on level soil. House is old (about 75 years with plaster walls & ceilings - no foundation, one level- partial dirt basement. Observer was in a sitting position. Outside ground motion was in N-S motion. Frightened children. No noises noticed, maybe because dishwasher was running & is noisy. No damage. "I felt the slightest movement of the chair I was sitting in & thought our cat was possibly underneath it, while my neighbor sitting on the couch felt nothing - although she had her active baby on her lap. Our friends about 6 miles south of Hazelton living near the Snake River Canyon said they felt much more movement & saw the water in their aquarium moving. Relatives in Hazelton, Idaho, heard large plate glass window creak & felt movement upstairs while their son in cement basement felt nothing."

Albion, Idaho:

Felt a rapid motion for about 30 seconds by several in home, a strongly built wood structure located on compact level ground. Observer was on 2nd floor active. No one asleep. Rattled table, fishbowl, things on table. "The whole house was rocking" Shifted small objects. No damage.

Murtaugh, Idaho:

Felt a rapid motion for about 8-10 seconds by all in home, a strongly built wood structure located on level compact soil. Observer was on 1st floor in a sitting position. Frightened few in home. Rattled windows, doors, & walls creaked. No damage.

Twin Falls, Idaho:

Felt a slow motion for 4-5 seconds by observer in home, a weakly built mobile home located on soil. Observer was on 1st floor in a sitting position. No damage. "I live in a Mobile Home Park approximately 1/2 mile south of the Snake River Canyon. I was sitting on the couch watching T.V. when I felt the motion. Had I not been sitting very quietly, I don't think I would have felt anything. I also felt another small movement at 11:00 p.m. for approximately 3 seconds."