

Swarm of quakes keeps Reno scientists on their toes

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Seismologists at the University of Nevada, Reno are keeping their eyes on the ArrowCreek area of Reno where a swarm of 21 small earthquakes were recorded between Friday and Sunday and another small temblor hit Monday morning.

“The earthquakes have all been in about the same spot,” said Ken Smith, a seismologist at UNR’s Nevada Seismological Laboratory. “It’s a little cluster. I felt it in north Reno.”

The strongest temblor was measured at a magnitude 3 on Friday. The quake Monday at 10:22am was a 2.1 magnitude. No damage was reported from either event.

He said such earthquake sequences aren’t unusual in Nevada, but because quake swarms are sometimes precursors to stronger temblors, his lab is keeping tabs on the activity.

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