

Nevada at high risk for significant earthquake

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A new federal earthquake map is shaking things up a bit for about one-third of the United States, including Nevada. The U.S. Geologic Survey updated its national seismic hazard maps for the first time since 2008.

Nevada is one of 16 states considered to have the highest risk for earthquakes. So there is a 2 percent chance our state could experience very intense shaking over a 50-year lifespan.

But experts say Northern Nevada's risk has not changed much in the last decade.

"A couple iteration's ago, this map showed us a lot of changes in our Reno, Carson, Tahoe area, so we've kind of settled down on that hazard," said Nevada Seismological Laboratory Director Graham Kent.

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