

## Large Quakes Hit Oregon, Alaska and Mexico as the Number of Major Earthquakes over the Last 7 Days Rises to 157

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North America has been hit by three major earthquakes within the last 24 hours. A magnitude 6.2 earthquake struck just off the coast of Oregon early on Wednesday, and that was followed by a magnitude 5.3 earthquake in Ometepec, Mexico that was so powerful that it was felt all the way in Mexico City. And just a few hours ago, an enormous magnitude 6.3 earthquake hit Alaska. The "Ring of Fire" has awakened, but up until the last 24 hours North America had largely been spared. Something truly unusual appears to be happening to our planet, and many are deeply concerned that this rise in seismic activity could be building up to a major event. Yesterday I reported that 144 major earthquakes had occurred over the last 7 days, but now that number has risen even higher. I just checked, and the USGS says that the number of major earthquakes over the past 7 days has now risen to 157. In case you were wondering, that is not normal.

Now that the west coast has been hit, the mainstream media is finally starting to take notice of all the shaking that has been going on, and some outlets are even breathlessly proclaiming that "the Big One" could soon hit California.

For example, the following comes from the Sun...

A HUGE 6.3-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Oregon on America's West Coast today.

The quake, which registered 188 miles from the coastal city of Bandon, has sparked fears the so-called "Big One" could hit near California.

A 6.3-magnitude earthquake has struck off the coast of Oregon (Source: The Sun)

Just a few weeks ago, two earthquake swarms hit the Cascadia Subduction Zone <u>in less than</u> <u>a week</u>. So the fact that this latest earthquake hit the exact same area is definitely raising concerns about what may happen next.

One of these days the "Big One" will hit the Cascadia Subduction Zone, and the devastation will be off the charts. Here is more from the Sun...

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It last struck in 1700, when it sunk the stretch by as much as 20 metres, tihough there are no written records of the natural disaster.

The death toll from that magnitude-9 quake is unclear but it is understood to have unleashed a tsunami which travelled 5,000 miles across the Pacific to Japan.

It has been estimated that the Cascadia Subduction Zone has the potential to create a seismic event 30 times more powerful than anything that the San Andreas Fault can produce. In fact, the head of the FEMA division that oversees Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska once publicly stated that in the event of a magnitude 9.0 earthquake "everything west of Interstate 5 will be toast"...

...By the time the shaking has ceased and the tsunami has receded, the region will be unrecognizable. Kenneth Murphy, who directs FEMA's Region X, the division responsible for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska, says, "Our operating assumption is that everything west of Interstate 5 will be toast."

In the Pacific Northwest, everything west of Interstate 5 covers some hundred and forty thousand square miles, including Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Eugene, Salem (the capital city of Oregon), Olympia (the capital of Washington), and some seven million people.

Are you starting to understand the gravity of the situation?

We are talking about the potential for a natural disaster that is unlike anything that we have ever seen in American history by a very wide margin.

According to <u>the Express</u>, scientists believe that "the Big One" could produce a tsunami that is 85 feet high...

Scientists have predicted the 'Big One' could trigger a tsunami of 85ft high waves and could potentially drown as many as 33,000 people on the West Coast.

More than 160 experts have since 2013 gathered to develop the Oregon Resilience Plan.

If the Big One is to happen soon it can devastate and affect the regional and national economy.

Do you remember the giant tsunami in the movie <u>San Andreas</u>? Well, the truth is that what we are potentially facing is even worse than that.

Right now the big question is whether all of the earthquakes that we have been witnessing along the Ring of Fire are somehow related. Some experts are downplaying that idea, but a professor of earthquake engineering at the University of Bristol is reminding us that ultimately "all earthquakes are connected"...

Colin Taylor, professor of earthquake engineering at the University of Bristol, told <u>Standard.co.uk:</u> "The majority of earthquakes around the world are driven by plate tectonics over the earth's crust. They occur when quakes move past,

or under, each other. Every now and again, they reach the limit of their strength and break, emitting energy.

"So technically, that means all earthquakes are connected. But it's too difficult to say whether they are connected directly."

According to the NOAA, 39 percent of all Americans live in counties that are directly on the shoreline.

Let that sink in for a moment.

To say that we are extremely vulnerable to tsunamis is a major understatement. The experts tell us that a "mega-tsunami" can reach speeds in the open ocean of up to 500 miles an hour, and when they reach shore they can produce waves that are several hundred feet high.

If a mega-tsunami hit anywhere along the west coast of the United States, it would instantly crash our economy and it would be the deadliest and costliest natural disaster that we have ever seen.

So let us hope that "the Big One" does not hit us any time soon, because when it does strike life in America will immediately and irrevocably change forever.

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