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Minor

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SALEM — According to a preliminary report from the United States Geological Survey, Oconee County experienced its second earth-

earthquake reported near Jocassee

quake in as many years early Tuesday morning.

But odds are likely nobody's sleep was interrupted by the tremor — a 1.7 magnitude quake that originated not far from the shores of Lake

Jocassee at Devil's Fork State Park near Salem at 3:23 a.m.

According to the USGS, a quake of that minor magnitude is "not felt except by a very few under especially favorable conditions."

Minor earthquakes in the county aren't uncommon, as a 1.9 magnitude quake was reported on July 20, 2016, near the Keowee Key community in Salem.

Three other earth-

quakes — ranging in magnitude from 1.9 to 2.0 — have originated in Oconee County since 2010 due to the county's proximity to the Tennessee and Charleston seismic zones.