

New eruptions at Alaska's Mount Redoubt volcano

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Mount Redoubt bellows steam and ash across the Cook Inlet from Ninilchik, Alaska, Thursday, March 26, 2009. Ash from the volcano is seen on the snow. The volcano on the west side of Cook Inlet erupted Thursday morning sending ash clouds an estimated 65,000 feet (nearly 20 kms) into the air dusting the towns on the Kenai Peninsula including the towns of Kenai, Ninilchik and Homer. (AP Photo/Al Grillo)

(AP) -- Alaska's Mount Redoubt is continuing its volcanic explosions, the latest sending an ash cloud 32,000 feet above sea level.

The two new eruptions occurred less than an hour apart late Thursday and early Friday.

The National Weather Service is warning about possible light <u>ash</u> falls in Anchorage, 100 miles to the northeast.



Alaska Airlines has said it would assess the ash situation Friday morning before deciding whether to resume flights at Anchorage. The ash can damage airplane engines.

Since the series of eruptions began Sunday night, the <u>volcano</u> has had several bursts. One earlier in the day Thursday sent ash 65,000 feet high. The last time the volcano had erupted was during a four-month period in 1989-90.

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