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## Radio Free Palmer – Snow and Trail Report

The Alaska Avalanche Information Center brings you this weekly Snow Report thanks to generous support from AARP Alaska and Radio Free Palmer.

According to the National Weather Service, snow is on the way. Warmer temperatures and snow are expected starting Friday through early next week. Expect 1 to 3 inches by Sunday with 3 to 5 inches possible through Tuesday from the Anchorage Bowl across the Mat-Su Valley and north to Talkeetna.

This forecast should make all you snow lovers happy and give trail groomers something to work with to open up the trails.

If you're heading south to Girdwood, Turnagain Pass, and Seward, snowfall is expected to be even heavier with as much as 5 to 12 inches on Sunday. Snowfall is predicted to diminish by Tuesday in all areas with clearing skies toward the end of next week.

While Hatcher Pass is not currently issuing snow advisories, that will likely change with the forecasted snowfall. Be aware, new snow takes time to bond and a persistent weak layer in the snowpack remains so extreme caution is warranted.

AARP Alaska is sponsoring a backcountry rider specific avalanche course in Thompson Pass December 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. This is an incredible deal starting with a classroom session on Friday from 6 to 8 pm and full day riding portion on Saturday from 9am to 5pm. Check out [AlaskaSnow.org](http://AlaskaSnow.org) for all the details!

Remember if you are heading into the mountains go prepared. Take your beacon, shovel and probe and know how to use them so you can ***Live to Ride Another Day!***

That's it for this week. Stay safe out there and keep thinking snow.