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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.

This coming week expect a few more inches of snow around the Mat-Su. North toward Talkeetna, expect up to five inches between Thursday and Sunday, with clearing and colder temps into next week.

Turnagain Pass is now open to snowmachiners, However advisories report avalanche danger as CONSIDERABLE in the alpine and treeline elevations, especially on slopes steeper than 35 degrees, with MODERATE danger below 1000 foot elevations. Cautious route planning and conservative decision-making are essential in your backcountry planning this week.

If you plan to ride or ski on the lakes or rivers be alert and watch for ice ridges and overflow.

Government Peak trails are groomed and open for fat biking, skiing and hiking.

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!**

As we start 2017, consider a New Year resolution to get your backcountry riding and avalanche training skills up to date! Check out the full schedule of courses available at AlaskaSnow.org

All of us at the Alaska Avalanche Information Center wish you a very Happy and Safe New Year. We also would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support!

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