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Radio Free Palmer – Snow and Trail Report

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

Last weekend's back to back storms brought significant snowfall accumulation to Southcentral Alaska! Cold temperatures are in store the rest of this week with warming trend and more snow in the forecast starting this weekend south of Anchorage and early next week in the Mat-Su area.

With all the new snow, avalanche danger is high in all backcountry areas. Hatcher Pass is reporting CONSIDERABLE avalanche danger above 3,500 foot elevation, and MODERATE below that. Turnagain Pass and Summit Lake areas report MODERATE avalanche danger and more likely on steeper terrain. Careful snowpack evaluation and extreme caution in route-planning is highly advised in all Southcentral mountain areas.

Most Mat-Su area Nordic trails have been groomed and reported to provide great classic and skate cross-country skiing. Fat Bike enthusiasts report multi-use trails can be challenging with the deep snow but still great fun.

A full day rider's clinic is set for Sunday, January 29th in Eureka. All the details and registration can be found at AlaskaSnow.org.

With all the new snow to play in, avalanche rescue skills are even more important for staying safe in the backcountry. Details about upcoming programs in your area can be found at AlaskaSnow.org.

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.