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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.

Recent windy conditions and sparse new snow have produced windblown, packed and icy trails for the Chugach trail system. For Eagle River trail snow riders, the Briggs Bridge access to snowmobile area is closed due to flooding. Use North Fork Trailhead to access the river, and watch for thin ice and overflow.

Hatcher Pass has also been windblown but you'll still find deep pockets of powder. Nancy Lakes trails are reported windblown and icy in spots. Be aware of construction on the Parkway Loop ski trail and trail heads. Good trail conditions are reported in the Petersville-Dutch Hills area with some recent grooming on the Trapper Creek and Rabidoux Trail.

Valdez Avalanche Center has set up their Basecamp in Thompson Pass and will be there through mid-April with avalanche forecasts and education programs to support the spring rider crowds.

Arctic Man is coming April 3 through 8 and Alaska Avalanche Information Center forecasters will be there to provide current snow and avalanche condition as well as free workshops with support from AARP Alaska and the Alaska Department of Public Safety. For more details, or for all things snow, visit Alaska Snow dot org.

Before you venture into the backcountry, be sure to check current avalanche information. Be prepared, always carry proper rescue gear, and use safe travel practices so you can Live to Ride Another Day!

That's it for this week. Enjoy Alaska and remember to visit Alaska Snow dot org for all things snow!