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Radio Free Palmer – Snow and Trail Report

The Alaska Avalanche Information Center is here with your weekly Snow Report thanks to support from AARP Alaska.

The National Weather Service forecast for the next several days throughout Southcentral and Kenai Peninsula is for moderate temperatures and a slight chance of snow flurries then clearing conditions into next week.

Trails in Denali State Park, Chugach State Park, Hatcher Pass, and Nancy Lakes remain closed to snowmachines due to low snow levels. Recent avalanches have been observed in Penguin Peak area so skiers should use caution in the Chugach east and south of Anchorage.

Turnagain Pass and Summit Lakes areas advisories report avalanche danger as MODERATE above 2500 foot level, and LOW at treeline. The persistent weak layer in the snowpack and wind loading warrant careful planning before you venture into these areas.

The AAIC is hosting a full day on the snow for snowmachine riders December 17th thanks to AARP Alaska. This course will be held in Thompson Pass where you'll find LOTS of snow. You can register and get lots more information on this class and other training opportunities at AlaskaSnow.org.

If you're heading into the mountains make sure you take your beacon, shovel and probe! Visit AlaskaSnow.org for current conditions, lots of safety tips and upcoming backcountry preparedness and avalanche training near you!

Whatever you do this weekend, make sure you **Live to Ride Another Day!** That's it for this week. Until next time, get outdoors, enjoy Alaska and THINK SNOW!