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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.

The National Weather Service forecasts cooler temperatures and the return to snow rather than rain for the next few days. However, recent very warm temperatures, strong winds and precipitation have produced VERY DANGEROUS avalanche conditions in Southcentral Alaska. This includes Seward, the Chugach Front Range in Anchorage, and Hatcher Pass.

Avalanche danger is HIGH at all elevations in Turnagain Pass, Summit Lakes, and Hatcher Pass areas. Numerous natural avalanches have been reported in Portage Valley, Turnagain and Hatcher Pass. Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center advises AVOIDANCE of avalanche terrain altogether.

Given the dangerous conditions, skiers, cyclers, and snowmachine riders should stick to trails in flat terrain or managed areas where avalanche mitigation controls are in place. Trails have been groomed at Nancy Lakes and Denali State Park trail systems as well as the Eureka and John Lake trails out the Glenn Highway. Overflow warnings are in place for most lakes in and rivers in the Southcentral area. Stay safe!

Saturday, February 18th from 10 am to 3 pm, AARP Alaska is hosting a free workshop for riders in the Turnagain Pass motorized lot. Find details about these and other upcoming events at AlaskaSnow.org.

Stay out of the mountains this week folks. Stick to the flats, have fun, and ***Live to Ride Another Day!***

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