

2016-17 Country Legends – Snow Rider Report

Eh Ha! Calling all snow riders! The Alaska Avalanche Information Center brings you this report thanks to support from Country Legends.

Recent windy conditions and a light dust of new snow since our last report 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.

Nancy Lakes trails are also reported to be windblown and icy in spots. Watch for 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 Rabiduex Trail.

Valdez Avalanche Center has set up their Basecamp at Mile 29 of the Richardson Highway 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 at Alaska Snow dot org. 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 Think snow!

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