

## 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.

Spring has definitely arrived here in southcentral Alaska. Expect a mix of sun, rain, and snow showers with above normal temperatures to continue through this weekend. This means the likelihood of avalanches will remain high for the Chugach and Talkeetna mountain regions. Be sure to check current forecasts at Alaska Snow Dot Org before heading out.

Petersville area reports great snowmachine riding conditions following last week's snowfall. Early morning riding should be fast and firm while warm conditions are making for soft, mushy conditions in the afternoon and slow going.

Arctic Man is in full swing this week north of Paxson. The Alaska Avalanche Information Center forecasters and trainers are there providing current snow and avalanche conditions as well as free workshops with support from AARP Alaska and the Alaska Department of Public Safety.

You'll also find an AAIC crew at the Valdez Avalanche Center's Basecamp in Thompson Pass with avalanche information, weather updates and training opportunities to make your backcountry adventures safe and fun. The Mountain Man Hill Climb is set for April 14-16 and staff will be on hand to support the spring rider crowds.

When venturing into the backcountry, check current avalanche information before you go and submit your observations at AlaskaSnow dog org to help keep everyone up to date.

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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