



2016-17 Country Legends – Snow Rider Report

Eh Ha! Happy New Year snow riders! The Alaska Avalanche Information Center brings you this report thanks to support from AARP Alaska and Country Legends.

Clear skies and cold temperatures, with strong winds possible in channeled areas, are in the forecast throughout Southcentral Alaska this week.

Recent snowfall and high winds over ridges keep avalanche danger at MODERATE to CONSIDERABLE from Hatcher Pass to Turnagain Pass and Summit Lake backcountry. Forecasters advise extreme caution and conservative decision-making if you plan to venture into these areas.

Snowmachine trails around Eureka are reported in good condition but more snow is needed for backcountry riding. North to Willow and Petersville, you'll find a few trails open for riding around Nancy Lake with even more further north toward Trapper Creek and Denali.

Want to learn more about traveling in avalanche terrain? Join the Alaska Avalanche Information Center Hatcher Pass, along with the Chugach National Forest Service and the Alaska Avalanche School, on Saturday, Jan. 14th from 11 am to 1 pm at Hatcher Pass for a free workshop!

Or you'll find a full day rider's clinic on Sunday, Jan. 29th in Eureka. Get all the details about these and other upcoming programs in your area at AlaskaSnow.org.

Remember if you are heading into the mountains go prepared. Take your beacon, shovel and probe and know how to use them so you can ***Live to Ride Another Day!***

That's it for this week. Have a safe time out there and keep thinking snow!

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