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95.5 The Pass Snow Report

Happy New Year Snow Lovers! The Alaska Avalanche Information Center here with your weekly Snow Report thanks to generous support from AARP Alaska and 95.5 the Pass!

Clear skies and cold temperatures are in the forecast throughout Southcentral Alaska this week. Expect strong winds and snow loading in channeled areas.

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.

On the Kenai Peninsula, snowmachine trails are open at Turnagain Pass South Fork Snow River Corridor, and Summit Lake.

In the Mat-Su, Crevasse Moraine Nordic trail system in Palmer is open and reported in good condition. You'll also find some snowmachine trails open around Eureka, Nancy Lake and north to Petersville and Denali.

Want to learn more about living in avalanche country? Join Alaska Avalanche Information Center Hatcher Pass staff, along with the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center, Alaska Avalanche School and the Hatcher Pass Snow Riders on Saturday January 14^h from 11 am to 1 pm in Hatcher Pass for a free companion rescue workshop.

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. Stay safe out there and keep thinking snow.