



## 2016-17 Country Legends – Snow Rider Report

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

Our latest dump of snow in Southcentral has made for VERY dangerous avalanche conditions in all mountain backcountry areas including Hatcher Pass, the Chugach Front Range and Southern Kenai Mountains. This week, expect dramatically warmer temperatures. High winds move into Portage Valley and Turnagain Arm, and heavy snows are forecast for the Eastern Kenai Peninsula to include Turnagain Pass.

CONSIDERABLE avalanche danger exists above 3,500 foot level at Hatcher Pass, Turnagain Pass and Summit Lake areas report CONSIDERABLE avalanche danger above 2,500 foot level and MODERATE below that. Before venturing out, get the latest avalanche information. Careful snowpack evaluation and extreme caution in route-planning is highly advised in all Southcentral mountain areas.

Snowmachiners! Latest trail openings are Eklutna Lake, Eagle River Greenbelt and North Fork trails, as well as Bird Valley.

Don't forget about the full day rider's clinic set for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in Eureka. All the details and registration can be found at [AlaskaSnow.org](http://AlaskaSnow.org).

With more snowfall to come, avalanche rescue skills are critical for staying safe in the backcountry. Details about upcoming programs in your area can be found at [AlaskaSnow.org](http://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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