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Temperatures across Southcentral Alaska look great for riding this weekend. Expect daytime highs in the mid-teens to twenties, with overnight lows near zero that will help keep the snowpack stable. Wind remains the biggest challenge, with wind-loaded slopes and pockets of deep powder affecting both hillsides and trails.

From Nancy Lake north to Denali, groomers have the trails in excellent shape. Riders will also find well-groomed routes in Hatcher Pass and north toward Eureka and Lake Louise.

Recent snowfall toward the Interior should deliver some epic riding. Watch for overflow in low areas and near the inlets and outlets of lakes and streams.

Alaska State Parks has opened the Ptarmigan Trailhead near Eagle River for snowmachining. Officials report about 28 inches of snow and advise riders to dress for cold conditions.

In Turnagain Pass and the Seward zone, wind-affected crust can surprise riders. Stay alert and prepare for changing snow conditions.

The Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center reports avalanche danger at moderate to low, but wind loading and shifting weather can raise the risk quickly. Always check **Alaska-Snow-dot-org** for the latest observations and regional forecasts before heading into the backcountry.

This weekend, head to Thompson Pass north of Valdez for the annual Mayor's Cup Race. And ladies looking to sharpen their riding skills can still grab one of the remaining spots in the final AK Powder Pursuit workshops on March 28th and 29th. Find details and register at **Alaska_Safe_Riders_dot_org**.

That's your report for this week. Join us again next week for more safety tips and training opportunities. Until then — ride smart, ride prepared, and ride home safe.