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SKAGWAY WEATHER CONDITIONS THIS WEEK

The National Weather Service has issued a Special Weather Statement indicating that throughout the week, Skagway will see warmer temperatures with possible rain, or a mix of rain and snow.

As snow transitions to rain, conditions will worsen, become very slippery, and promote ponding. Additional heavy snow on top of already deep snowpack on rooftops and other structures, boats, and aircraft will become heavier as rain-soaked snow challenges load capability.

Rain could also lead to a risk of flooding from rising water tables, and increased risk of avalanches near steep terrain.

- Rain over deep snow will challenge structural integrity of roofs, boats, and aircraft tied down outdoors.
- Hard pack snow will become icy and slick quickly with any rain, even when temperatures rise above freezing.
- Strong warming along with potential rain over a deep mountain snowpack will increase avalanche risk in steep terrain.
- Poor drainage due to frozen ground and full ditches will cause ponding on roads and sidewalks.
- Melting snow adding to the runoff over the frozen/impermeable ground could lead to flooding.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Remove snow from on and around fire hydrants and stormwater drains;
- Limit travel and use of outdoor trails;
- Notify the Municipality of any observed unsafe conditions;
- **In case of emergency, call 911.**

For more information on the weather event, please visit: <https://www.weather.gov/ajk/>.

For FEMA Snow Load Safety Guidance, please visit:
https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fema_snow_load_2014.pdf.