

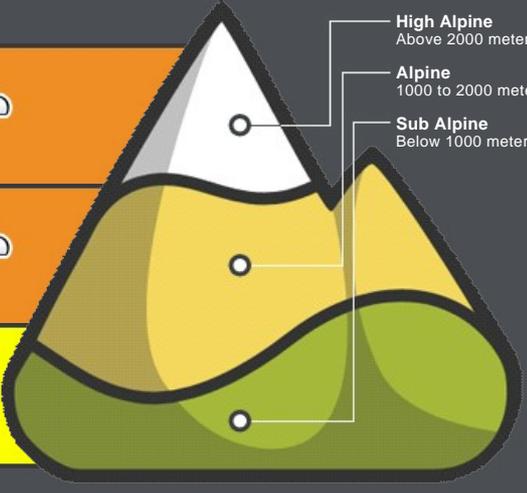
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2.Moderate
Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.

Avalanche Danger Scale

5. Extreme
4. High
3. Considerable
2. Moderate
1. Low
? Unknown



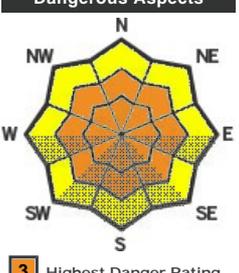
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Primary Avalanche Danger



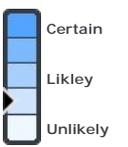
WET SLAB

Dangerous Aspects



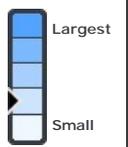
3 Highest Danger Rating

Likelihood



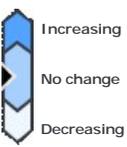
Certain
Likely
Unlikely

Size



Largest
Small

Trend



Increasing
No change
Decreasing

Time of day



All day



High Alpine: Above 2000m
Alpine: 1000 to 2000m
Low Alpine: Below 1000m

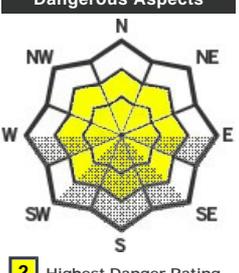
Description:
There is a CONSIDERABLE danger from wet slab avalanches. Naturally occurring wet slab avalanches up to half a metre deep have been observed recently. AVOID steep slopes and the run outs from any avalanche terrain.

Secondary Avalanche Danger



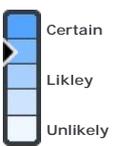
LOOSE WET

Dangerous Aspects



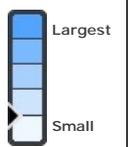
2 Highest Danger Rating

Likelihood



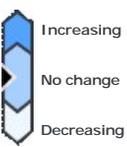
Certain
Likely
Unlikely

Size



Largest
Small

Trend



Increasing
No change
Decreasing

Time of day



12pm - 3pm



High Alpine: Above 2000m
Alpine: 1000 to 2000m
Low Alpine: Below 1000m

Description:
There is a MODERATE danger from loose wet avalanches. WATCH steep slopes and the runouts of any avalanche terrain. The danger from loose wet avalanches will rapidly diminish as temperatures cool off.

Current Snowpack Conditions



The Arthurs Pass snowpack has received more than 60mm of rain over the previous 24 hours. Small amounts of snow fell at upper elevations. The snowpack is absolutely saturated at this point and it will take some time for things to cool down and dry out. The good news is that all the rain and warm weather has likely helped to break down buried weak layers on shaded aspects. The bad news is that when things cool off and freeze up it will be extraordinarily icy out there.

Recent Avalanche Activity



Multiple small point release avalanches have been reported above 1500m. The Temple Basin ski patrol also observed two separate wet slab avalanches as large as size 2. These wet slabs occurred on SW and W aspects during the latest rain event.

Mountain Weather



Expect partly to mostly cloudy skies and foggy conditions at first. A light NW wind will keep things fresh as the freezing level rises to over 2000m. There is no precipitation expected for Tuesday.



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