

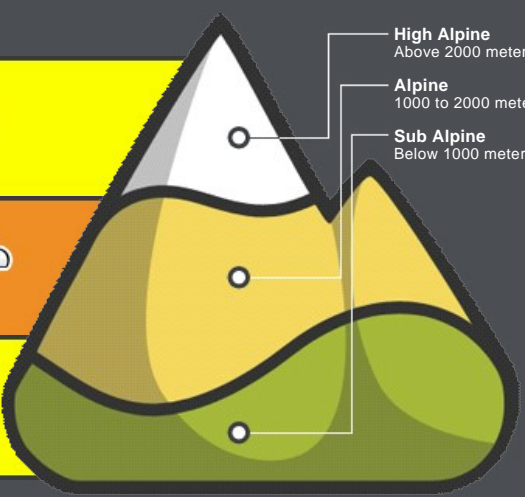
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Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.



3.Considerable
Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.



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Avalanche Danger Scale

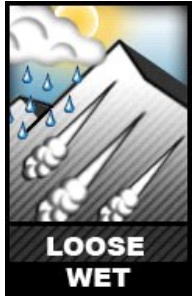
5. Extreme
4. High
3. Considerable
2. Moderate
1. Low
? Unknown



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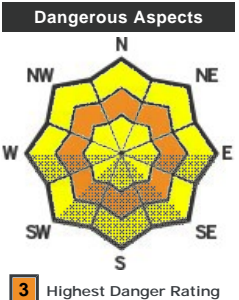
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Primary Avalanche Danger



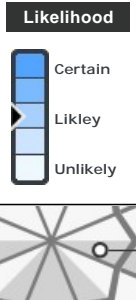
LOOSE WET

Dangerous Aspects

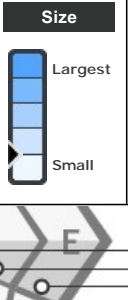


3 Highest Danger Rating


Likelihood




Size



Trend




Time of day



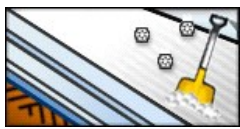
All day

Description:
There is a CONSIDERABLE danger from loose wet avalanches at middle elevations. The danger will increase as the freezing level rises above 2000m. Watch all aspects and look for rollerballing and pinwheeling. Avoid the runouts of avalanche terrain even in low elevation areas.




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

Current Snowpack Conditions



The great NW storm is over and has left nearly a metre of new snow in the Arthur's Pass area in it's wake. Changing winds have redistributed some of the new snow onto multiple different aspects. Warming temperatures and rain will begin to wreak havoc on our powder filled hills starting on Tuesday. The primary danger will be from loose wet avalanches especially in middle elevation terrain, around rocks and steep slopes.

Recent Avalanche Activity



Multiple size 1 to 2 slab avalanches were reported by the Temple Basin Ski Patrol on Saturday.

Mountain Weather



Expect a blast of NW weather today. Winds will increase from the NW to gale strength. Light to moderate precipitation is expected with snow down to 1600m. The forecast is calling for 5-10cm of new snow.



For more information go to: <http://www.metservice.com/mountain/index>