

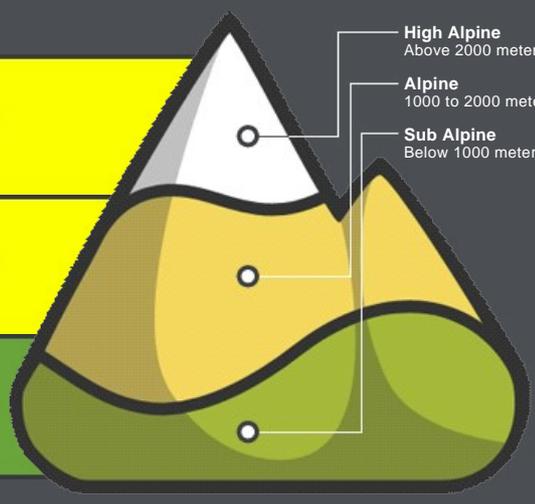
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**1.Low**  
Generally safe, watch for unstable snow on isolated terrain features.

**Avalanche Danger Scale**

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



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OUTDOOR SAFETY

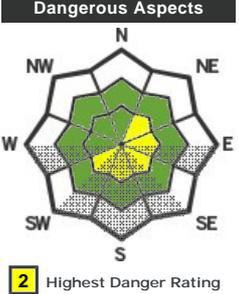
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**Primary Avalanche Danger**



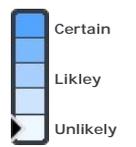
**WIND SLAB**

**Dangerous Aspects**



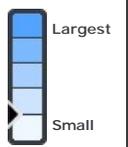
**2** Highest Danger Rating

**Likelihood**



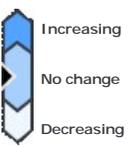
Certain  
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Unlikely

**Size**



Largest  
Small

**Trend**



Increasing  
No change  
Decreasing

**Time of day**



All day



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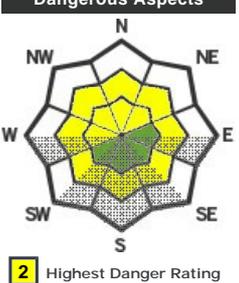
**Description:**  
With the existing snowpack being quite stable there is a MODERATE danger of Storm Slab avalanching lee to the South or SW, at elevations similar to the Ohau Ski field. Further afield and at higher elevations (the Barrier range for instance) this could be a considerable hazard in isolated pockets.

**Secondary Avalanche Danger**



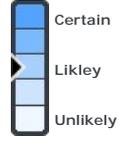
**LOOSE WET**

**Dangerous Aspects**



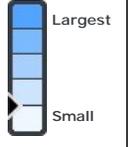
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**Description:**  
With some rain on the snow at lower elevations and then the sun coming out when it clears, there is a moderate danger of wet loose avalanching out of steeper terrain and in particular from solar affected slopes in the heat of the day. Plan your route with this in mind and don't stop for lunch under steep snowy slopes and the like.

**Current Snowpack Conditions**



A mostly shallow stable snowpack can be found around the ski area backcountry. On cold shady slopes, a layer of weak faceted snow can be found beneath storm snow from the start of the month, but with not a lot of weight or tension in the snowpack this is not a concern at present except in the parts of the forecast area closer to the Divide and higher in elevation. Surface faceting (weak "hoar frost crystals") also existed on shady aspects on the surface earlier in the week with 10-15cm late last week over this which has mostly settled out

**Recent Avalanche Activity**



We haven't had any new reports from the region. Please do drop us a line or use the public reporting link on the homepage to let us know any relevant information.

**Mountain Weather**



Precipitation during Sunday, especially in the North and West of the forecast area will give way to fine weather again for the start of the week with SW winds.



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