

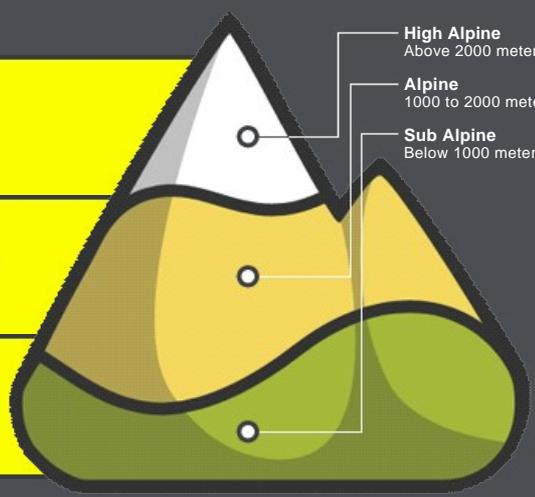
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Avalanche Danger Scale

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



OUTDOOR SAFETY

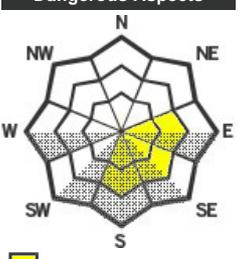
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Primary Avalanche Danger



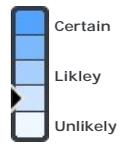
WIND SLAB

Dangerous Aspects

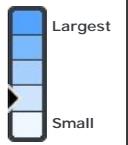


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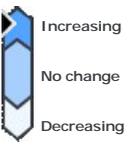
Likelihood



Size



Trend



Time of day





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

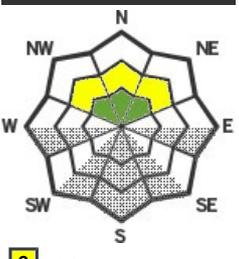
Description:
Pockets of shallow but reactive windslab could exist on S and E aspects near ridgeline today. Take the time to check how well the upper layers of the snowpack are bonded before taking on steep slopes in these areas and avoid any lines that have poor runouts into rocks or other terrain traps unless you are very confident in your assessment. Conditions will deteriorate Friday with the onset of precipitation giving rise to a high or considerable danger rating.

Secondary Avalanche Danger



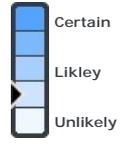
LOOSE WET

Dangerous Aspects

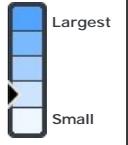


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Description:
A combination of recent snowfalls to low levels and a rise in temperatures means that loose wet slides may be triggered on steep terrain below about 2000m. Stick to lower angled terrain if you encounter wet sloppy snow conditions, especially if the snowpack is weak and wet all the way to the ground.

Current Snowpack Conditions



Up to 60 cms of storm snow fell in the region during the storm last weekend. This snow settled and bonded well after an initial period of instability. A new storm is now affecting the area, strong NW winds are shifting snow today to build windslab on S and E faces around ridgeline. Lower down warm temps will be softening and weakening the snowpack. Around 20cms of snow could fall through Friday into the weekend leading to a rising danger from storm and wind slab avalanching.

Recent Avalanche Activity



A notable size 3 avalanche crossed the road just north of Ohau Lodge on the 9th during a cold westerly storm. The path has been known to run in the past but this was the first time in a number of years that it has reached the road.

Mountain Weather



Warm and windy today with cooling temps and snow down to 1700m Friday. NW winds will continue to blow.



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