

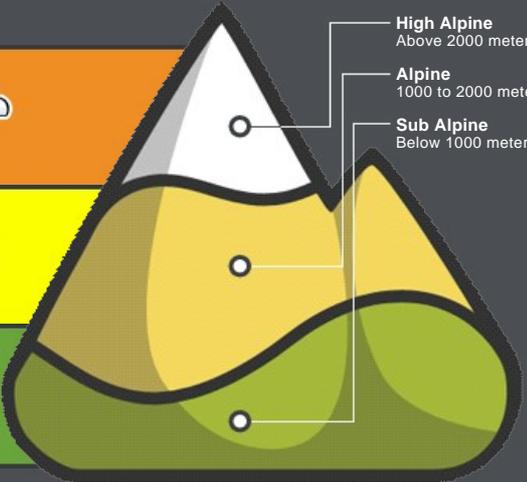
3.Considerable
Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.



2.Moderate
Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.



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

Avalanche Danger Scale

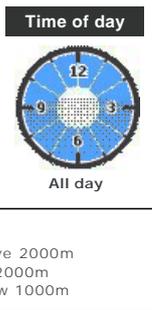
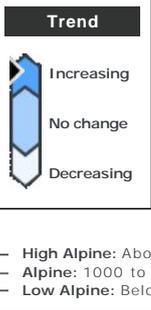
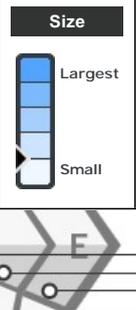
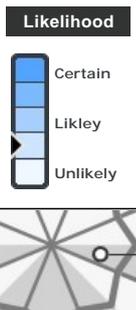
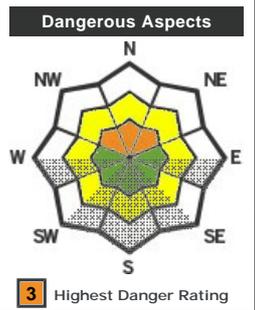
5. Extreme
4. High
3. Considerable
2. Moderate
1. Low
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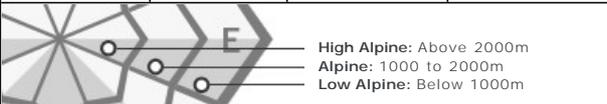
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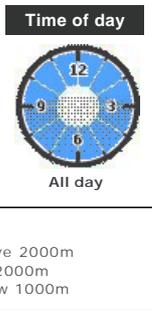
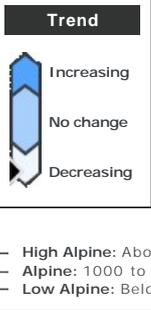
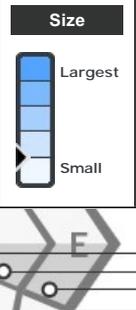
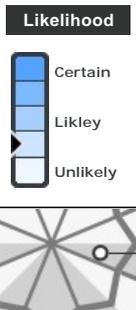
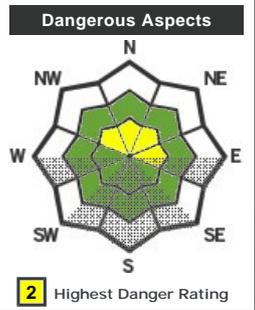
Primary Avalanche Danger



Description:
Below the new snow line the snow will be getting saturated with the rain and becoming mostly isothermic ("turning to slush"). New snow from the last few days is expected to fall off as loose wet avalanches out of steep terrain when the sun comes out. Although narrow in width they can often run to low levels as the gather up (entrain) more snow during their flow. Stay away from confined gullies and runout zones.



Secondary Avalanche Danger



Description:
The SW winds from today and a dusting of new snow will have caused some small pockets of storm slab on NE facing slopes. A Moderate danger exist and should settle quickly with warm temps.



Current Snowpack Conditions



Spring snow. Lots of wet grains and saturated snow at lower elevations. A dusting of new snow from the SW today will have caoused small pockets of new snow at higher elevations near ridge lines (higher winds).

Recent Avalanche Activity



No reports of recent avalanching.

Mountain Weather



Clearing with a nice day tomorrow, NW picking up Friday and more precipitation over the weekend. Freezing level to 2200m tomorrow dropping again over the weekend.



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

Sliding Danger



Firm to icy snow conditions will be found each morning following a clear night. An Ice axe and crampons will come in handy for anyone planning on safely crossing steep terrain, especially early morning or on shady slopes that don't get a lot of sun.