

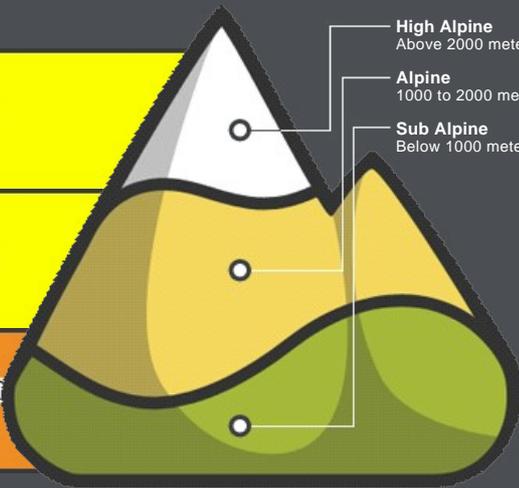
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**3.Considerable**  
Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.

**Avalanche Danger Scale**

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

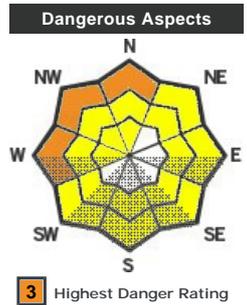


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**Primary Avalanche Danger**



**Dangerous Aspects**



**3** Highest Danger Rating

**Likelihood**

- Certain
- Likely
- Unlikely

**Size**

- Largest
- Small

**Trend**

- Increasing
- No change
- Decreasing

**Time of day**



10am - 5pm

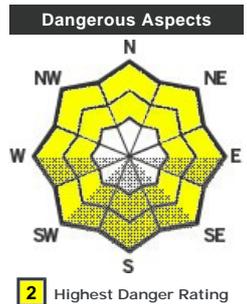
**High Alpine:** Above 2000m  
**Alpine:** 1000 to 2000m  
**Low Alpine:** Below 1000m

**Description:**  
Another loose wet avalanche kinda afternoon, with the snow softening quickly due to no freeze overnight. If the forecast rains arrive early, call it a day. With the freezing level rising and rain on the pack, the onset of loose wet avalanches may be rapid. Keep a close eye on the weather today. Not a day for extensive backcountry travel.

**Secondary Avalanche Danger**



**Dangerous Aspects**



**2** Highest Danger Rating

**Likelihood**

- Certain
- Likely
- Unlikely

**Size**

- Largest
- Small

**Trend**

- Increasing
- No change
- Decreasing

**Time of day**



11am - 5pm

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

**Description:**  
There is concern today that with rain on the snowpack we will have a rapid increase wet slab activity, generally from mid elevations. Be prepared to exit the backcountry should conditions deteriorate to the point that the snowpack becomes unsupportive (isothermic). Be very cautious at lower elevations if day temps increase, avoid terrain traps and steep gullies and avalanche run-out zones.

**Current Snowpack Conditions**



The green house effect has been softening the snowpack and unfortunately no re-freeze overnight. The snowpack is moist all the way to 2000 m. The plus side is consolidation of the snowpack. From mid elevations wet slide activity is increasing on all aspects and on solar aspects wet slab releases. Today we expect wet avalanche conditions on many aspects. Rain is due this afternoon, this may see a rapid deterioration in snowpack strength. If you need to head backcountry keep vigilant on snowpack strength, if you find the pack turning isothermic (unsupportive) head home.

**Recent Avalanche Activity**



The consolidation of the snowpack continued yesterday with warm temps. Backcountry observations were limited, however as expected an increase in wet slide activity, also solar aspects seeing an increase in wet slab releases. Any windslab development is now limited to above 2000 m.

**Mountain Weather**



A few showers, turning to rain about the headwaters in the morning with heavy falls possible. Snow lowering to 1900 m tonight. Freezing level rising to 2400 m, yikes. Winds from the NW strong, rising to gale this afternoon, gusts to 100 kph.



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