

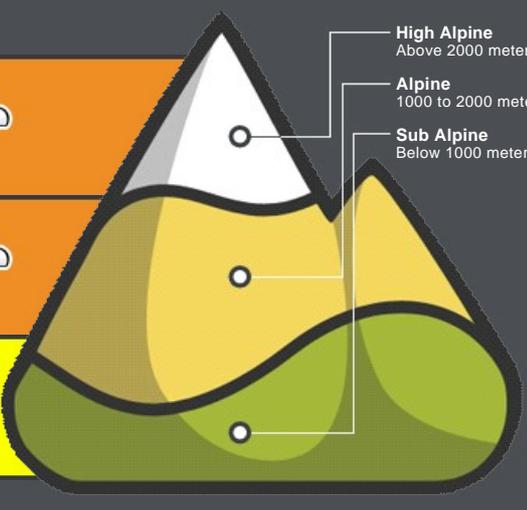
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2.Moderate
Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.

Avalanche Danger Scale

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



OUTDOOR SAFETY

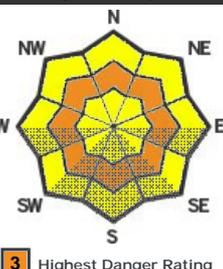
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Primary Avalanche Danger



WET SLAB

Dangerous Aspects



3 Highest Danger Rating

Likelihood

Certain
Likely
Unlikely

Size

Largest
Small

Trend

Increasing
No change
Decreasing

Time of day



All day

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

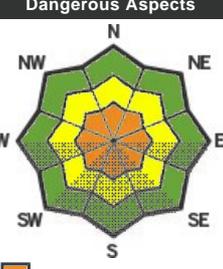
Description:
Today's rain to above 1500m (pulse's around mid day). will test the new storm snow from the weekend, this will start off wide spread wet slides around the park. And a further heavy rain pulse Thursday night / Friday morning with the FL to 2600m will start Wet slides in the higher alpine. Best to stay safe over the next few days. stick to low angle terrain well away from terrain traps and big start zones above. Thursday night could see the hazard rise again to high for a time.

Secondary Avalanche Danger



WIND SLAB

Dangerous Aspects



3 Highest Danger Rating

Likelihood

Certain
Likely
Unlikely

Size

Largest
Small

Trend

Increasing
No change
Decreasing

Time of day



All day

High Alpine: Above 2000m
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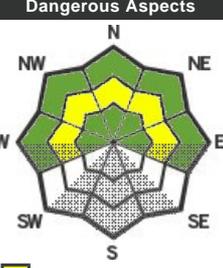
Description:
Southerly winds the last few days will have transported available snow to the Northern half slopes. This new storm / wind slab snow will be starting to settle. Warmer temps coming up with pulse's of heavy rain will again test this new snow. Choose your terrain wisely. Like one at a time travel, choose conservative lines and avoid steep and deep entry points of ridge lines. Warm rain Wednesday afternoon and Thursday Night will likely test this new snow layer. (FL rising to 2400m on Thursday with heavy rain). Watch for start zones above if travelling in Fiordland's steep valleys during the warmer rain pulses.

Tertiary Avalanche Danger



LOOSE WET

Dangerous Aspects



2 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:
If the sun does come out expect loose wet slides. They will be slow moving and start out of steep terrain around cliff bans and rocky areas). A slight warming this afternoon (FL 1600m) and rain could contribute also.

Current Snowpack Conditions



In general the snow pack is well consolidated / bonded below 1900m thanks to some warmer temps and rain early last week. The last four days we have had a significant amount of storm snow (over 2m). with are variety of winds. this new snow is very sensitive at present. Southerly winds yesterday will have created wind slab to the lee. Warmer temps tomorrow with rain will further test this new layer of snow. Wet slide activity could become very active during Thursday nights Heavy rain and 2400m Freezing level.

Recent Avalanche Activity



Observations have been very limited due to the storm like conditions. Over 2m of snow above 1400m has fallen over the weekend period Control work from Northern Fiordland (Sunday), has produced mainly soft slab avalanches between the old snow new snow interface. Variety of aspects above 1400m. Mainly powder cloud avalanches size 2-3.

Mountain Weather



1600m FL today which will continue to rise to 2600m tomorrow with heavy rain. expect rain today, and a slight lull tomorrow before the heavy rain Thursday night. Friday a slight clearing with light snow possibly to bush line.



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