

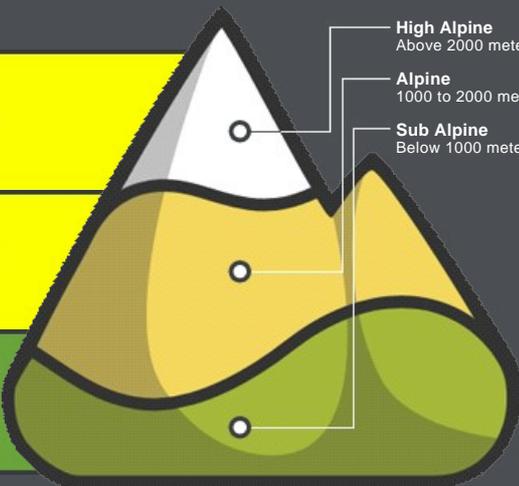
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**1.Low**  
Generally safe, watch for unstable snow on isolated terrain features.

**Avalanche Danger Scale**

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



**OUTDOOR SAFETY**

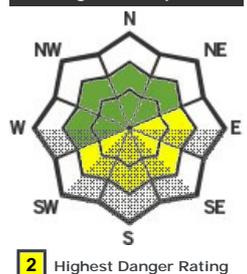
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**Primary Avalanche Danger**



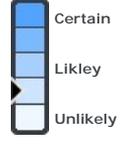
**STORM SLAB**

**Dangerous Aspects**

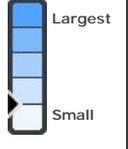


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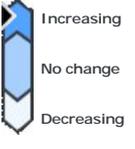
**Likelihood**



**Size**



**Trend**



**Time of day**



**Description:**  
New storm snow wind slab ( 20 to 30 cm) will be sensitive to loading and human triggers. This will only be a problem in snow on snow areas. Continued light precipitation and cool temperatures will see the hazard continue for the next few days and increasing on Sunday night with the next front adding another dump of new snow to 1400m.



**Secondary Avalanche Danger**



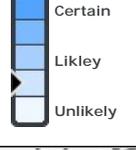
**WET SLAB**

**Dangerous Aspects**

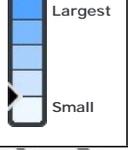


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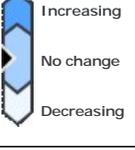
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**Time of day**



**Description:**  
Any sign of sun during the day will trigger wide spread surface new snow avalanche activity on sunny aspects. This is unlikely with current weather forecast The sun is gaining height and reaching into those once shady aspects. Glide slabs have been random and up to size 3 around the park. They are more active around warming and heavy rain. look for glide cracks developing and watch for isolated pockets of snow that sit above you.



**Current Snowpack Conditions**



The main snow pack below 2500m is isothermal with 20 to 30cm of new (Friday morning) wind slab snow on top of the main snow pack. Crust layers below this latest snow will be breaking down.  
Glide slab are present and starting to flare up in the once shady aspects.

**Recent Avalanche Activity**



Glide slab release reported on the Routeburn track late last week, out of a South Aspect around 1600m size 2?

**Mountain Weather**



Friday. Showers with snow to 1100m Northwesterly gales.  
Saturday. Showers with snow to 800m Westerly gales.  
Sunday. Showers turning to rain in evening snow to 1400m Westerlies rising to server gale.



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

**Sliding Danger**



Watch for slick icy surface layers on the snow pack during the cooler temps and early morning conditions. Observations from the Kepler track last week proved that in places slide for life hazards exists. Ice axe, crampons, could come in handy.