

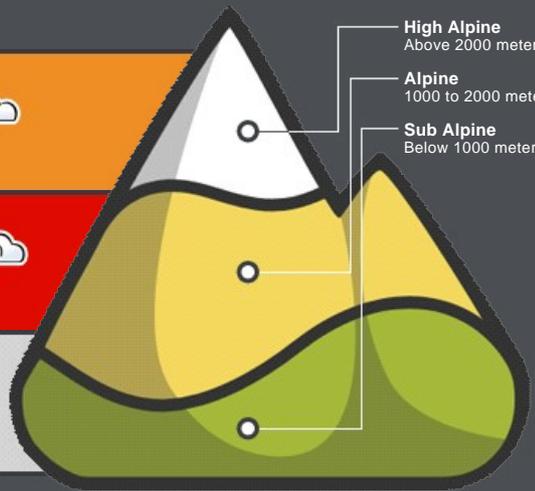
3. Considerable
Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.



4. High
Very dangerous, travel in avalanche terrain not recommended.



No Rating
Not enough snow on the ground to create avalanche conditions.

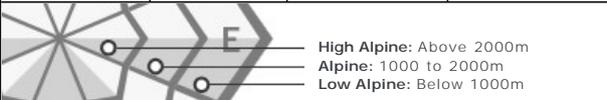
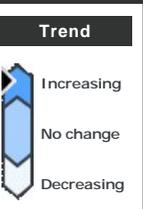
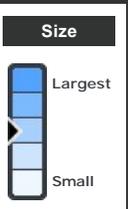
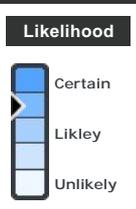
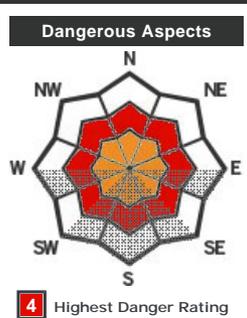
Avalanche Danger Scale

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



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Primary Avalanche Danger



Description:
You will note the full rose has been coloured in, reason being behind this is the fact we are seeing a dramatic warm up in conditions with the freezing level rising to above the summit and we have a wind slab across 180 degrees from South West to North West. This wind slab is gaining weight as we go through this weather change and it provides concerns around wide spread avalanche activity. The increased advisory is due to the warm and weight into the new and old snow, advise for Thursday is best to leave the mountain alone today and visit another time. Please remember during this time large avalanches are very likely to reach the upper around the mountain track in steep confined gullies

Current Snowpack Conditions



We have seen 30 to 40cm of new snow across the mountain at elevations above 1400m with varying wind directions during this last storm from North West to South West. So large areas of wind slab still exist across leeward aspects these areas will gain weight with the warmer conditions today and tomorrow with a deeper buried instability. Snow conditions are going to change quickly inside the next 12 to 24hrs.

Recent Avalanche Activity



A size 3 down the Manganui Gully on South Easterly aspect, appears to have occurred around the change between warm to cold conditions on the mountain. Has failed deeper in the old snow pack with the added weight of new snow.

Mountain Weather



We are going to see some clearance in the weather but we may see some rain showers late in the day or early Thursday morning. Freezing level is rising above the summit.



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