

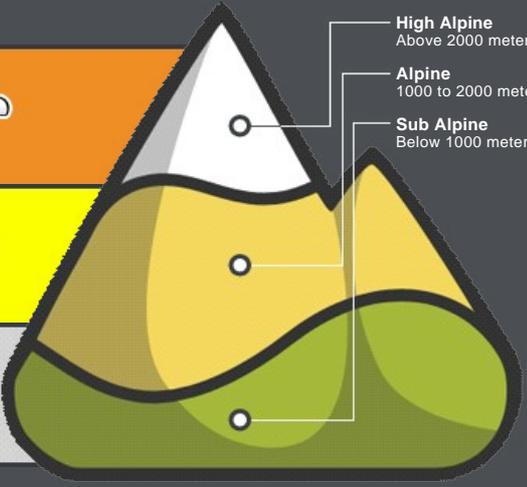
3.Considerable
Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.



2.Moderate
Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.



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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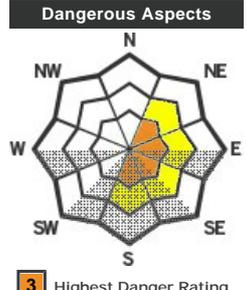
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Primary Avalanche Danger



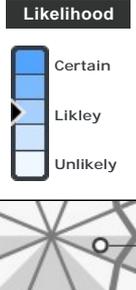
WIND SLAB

Dangerous Aspects

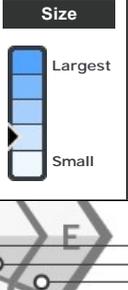


3 Highest Danger Rating

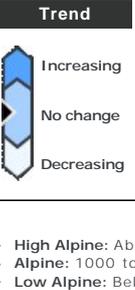
Likelihood



Size

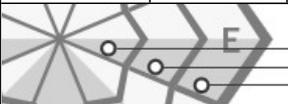


Trend



Time of day





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

Description:
The danger rating has increased to CONSIDERABLE above 2000m and MODERATE between 2000m and 1600m for Wind Slab avalanche activity on aspects Northeast through East, Southeast and South. We expect the formation of wind slab with deposits reaching 50cm in depth to develop over the next 12hrs especially above 2000m where slopes with the aspect concerned have reached threshold. Poor weather conditions will make travelling in the backcountry very hazardous during the storm. A clearing trend will start mid morning on Tuesday, as this occurs keep in mind that this is likely to be the most sensitive time to be travelling in avalanche terrain with a new avalanche problem, travel with caution, assess the hazard and make appropriate alterations to your day.

Current Snowpack Conditions



The snowpack has been rain affected today below 2000m, above this elevation we have seen some transport of loose snow by very strong to gale Northwest winds, much of this redistribution has either ended disappearing (sublimating) into the atmosphere or being deposited in gullies or very sheltered terrain features.

Recent Avalanche Activity



No activity observed or reported in the last 48hrs

Mountain Weather



A fast hitting front will continue to cross the region tonight bringing scattered showers with some heavy falls this evening, at first these showers will fall as snow above 2000m gradually lowering to 1500m tonight, the freezing level will drop to 1700m tonight. Tuesday morning sees a clearing trend with a few isolated showers in the morning becoming fine with moderate north-easterly winds, the freezing level increases to 2100m.



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

Sliding Danger



Very strong winds have left many windward slopes and ridge tops extremely hazardous, SLIDE FOR LIFE conditions will be prevalent in the region, carry an ICE AXE and CRAMPONS and be familiar in their use.