

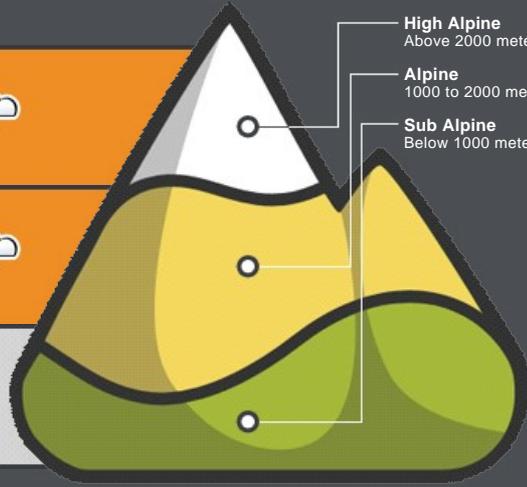
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**No Rating**  
Not enough snow on the ground to create avalanche conditions.

**Avalanche Danger Scale**

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



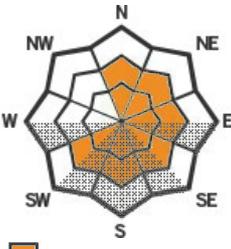
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**Primary Avalanche Danger**



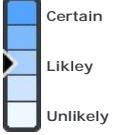
**STORM SLAB**

**Dangerous Aspects**



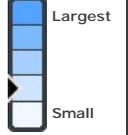
**3** Highest Danger Rating

**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

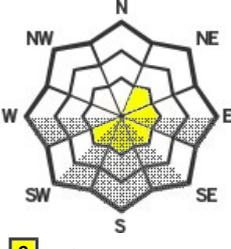
**Description:**  
50 cm or so total storm snow is expected at upper elevations and particularly in the west is forecasted by the metService. Storm slab will have developed with significant additional snow fall on Monday. Care required on eastern aspects particularly above 1800m. There is a possibility of these smaller avalanches being the trigger for identified weaknesses deeper in the snow pack refer to the second concern.

**Secondary Avalanche Danger**



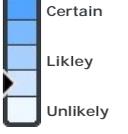
**PERSISTENT SLAB**

**Dangerous Aspects**



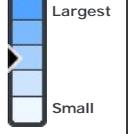
**2** Highest Danger Rating

**Likelihood**



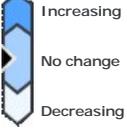
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**Description:**  
Wind loaded snow may overlie weaker old snow in upper start zones on eastern aspects in particular. This danger will only exist above 2000m. Care is required on steep south and east facing slopes near ridge crest at upper elevations with the increasing load from new wind deposited snow. Avoid these aspects in the highest elevations of the park.

**Current Snowpack Conditions**



Shallow snow for the early part of the season means that the old snow on the southern and eastern aspects above 2000m is weak. The snow pack at below 2000m has increased in strength due being saturated by rain last week then the water draining and the snow pack refreezing. New snow is now falling to lower elevations in the park. This is forming storm slab. Of particular concern is the snowpack is being loaded above 2000m where the old snow is likely to still be weak.

**Recent Avalanche Activity**



No observations possible.

**Mountain Weather**



Snow easing to snow showers in the afternoon down to 1000m. Moderate southerly winds. Freezing level at 1400m.



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