

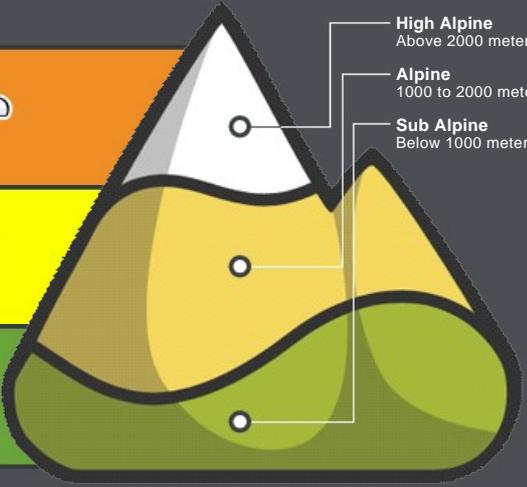
**3.Considerable**  
Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.



**2.Moderate**  
Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.



**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



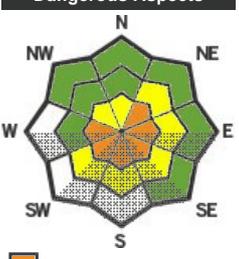
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**Primary Avalanche Danger**



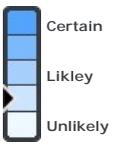
**WIND SLAB**

**Dangerous Aspects**



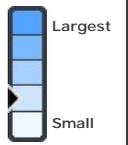
**3** Highest Danger Rating

**Likelihood**



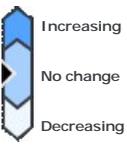
Certain  
Likely  
Unlikely

**Size**



Largest  
Small

**Trend**



Increasing  
No change  
Decreasing

**Time of day**



All day



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

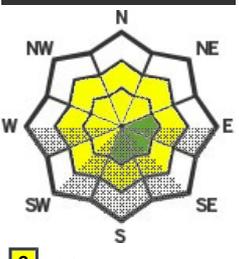
**Description:**  
With the recent new snow accumulation and wind redistribution, there is now a Considerable danger of windslab development on slopes lee to the South or Southeast above 1600m. Lower elevations will have a Moderate danger. Particular care should be taken in shady or sheltered areas up high or near the Divide that may have had surface hoar (pretty but fragile ice crystals) on the surface prior to the storm. Watch this space when we get new loading as it could well get reactive.

**Secondary Avalanche Danger**



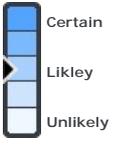
**LOOSE WET**

**Dangerous Aspects**



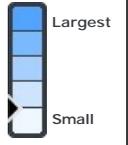
**2** Highest Danger Rating

**Likelihood**



Certain  
Likely  
Unlikely

**Size**



Largest  
Small

**Trend**



Increasing  
No change  
Decreasing

**Time of day**



All day



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**Description:**  
With some rain on the snow at lower elevations and then the sun coming out when it clears, there is a moderate danger of wet loose avalanching out of steeper terrain and in particular from solar affected slopes in the heat of the day. Plan your route with this in mind and don't stop for lunch under steep snowy slopes and the like.

**Current Snowpack Conditions**



Areas in the region reported 40 - 60 cms of new snow and South to Southeast winds mid week, nothing significant since then. On many sheltered shady slopes, this new snow will lie over a weak old snow surface and may be slow to bond. Some Windslab development is also likely to have occurred on Northerly aspects.

**Recent Avalanche Activity**



We haven't had any reports in of any recent avalanching, but that's not to say there haven't been any. Please do drop us a line or use the public reporting link on the homepage if you have any useful information.

**Mountain Weather**



Sundays overcast and drizzle will hopefully clear to another Fine and clear day with winds swinging to the SW



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