

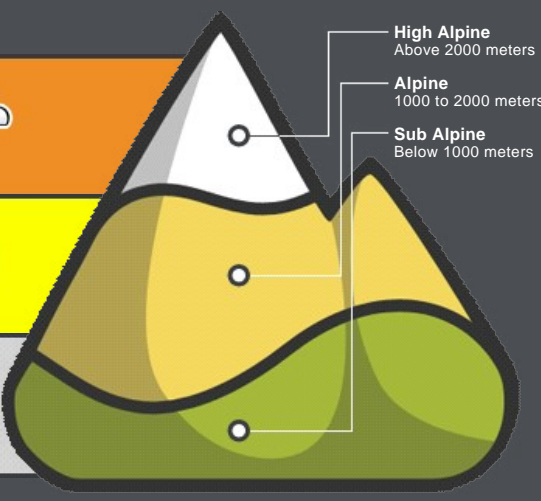
3.Considerable
Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.



2.Moderate
Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.



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

Avalanche Danger Scale

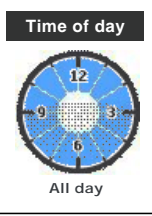
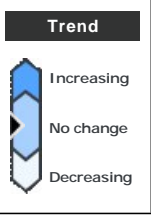
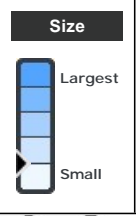
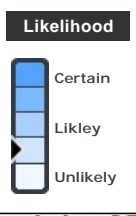
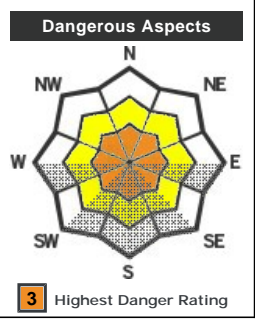
5. Extreme
4. High
3. Considerable
2. Moderate
1. Low
? Unknown



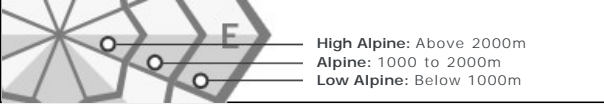
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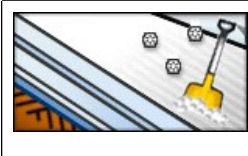
Primary Avalanche Danger



Description:
There is a CONSIDERABLE danger from storm slab avalanches. The danger will likely increase as the day continues and upon how much snow we receive. Watch steep terrain (>30 deg) in your travels and avoid the run-outs of any avalanche terrain.



Current Snowpack Conditions



From 10-20cm of new snow has fallen in the Arthurs Pass area over the previous 24 hours. Additional new snow is likely over the next 24-48 hours as a southerly system begins to funnel moisture into the region. The primary concern for today will be storm slab avalanches and loose sluffs. Some S half aspects may have lingering wind slabs and small new cornices at upper elevations.

Play it safe today if you head out of bounds. Tell someone your plans, always carry a shovel, a transceiver and a probe, and always travel with a partner.

Recent Avalanche Activity



No new storm related avalanches have been reported recently.

Mountain Weather



The winds will shift from the N and W to the S and E on Monday. Expect a dramatic lowering of the freezing level and snowfall to elevations as low as 600m. We could see from 15-30cm of new snow by late morning and early afternoon.



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