

3. Considerable

Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.



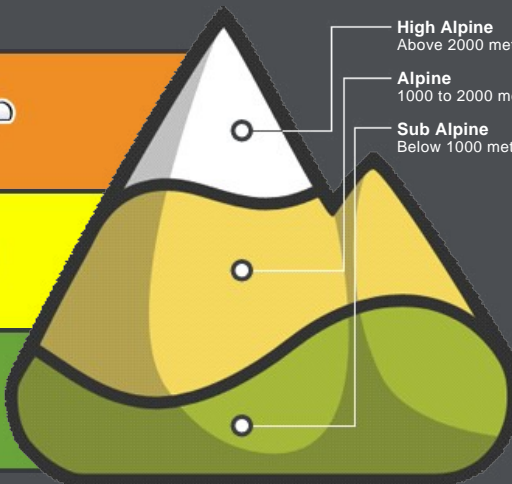
2. Moderate

Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.



1. Low

Generally safe, watch for unstable snow on isolated terrain features.



High Alpine
Above 2000 meters

Alpine
1000 to 2000 meters

Sub Alpine
Below 1000 meters

Avalanche Danger Scale

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



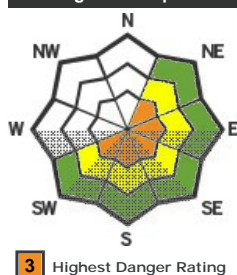
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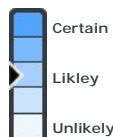
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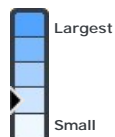
Dangerous Aspects



Likelihood



Size



Trend



Time of day



Description:

With plenty of recent wind transport from Nor'Westerly winds and some areas of heavy new snow in the North and West of the forecast area, there will be a Considerable danger above 1600m for windslab avalanches lee to the NW and West close to the Divide. Elsewhere and near the ski fields the danger will be Moderate Care should be taken when travelling in avalanche terrain when fiddling around deeper in the patch.



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

Current Snowpack Conditions



The Two thumbs snowpack was strongly affected by recent strong NW winds and warm temperatures a few days back. Rain could have fallen as high as 2400m on the 8th, followed by a dusting of snow to lower levels. Ridge lines exposed to the NW have been stripped and the snow deposited on sheltered SE facing terrain where snow depth at 1800m is around 150cms. The current snowpack is pretty stable with 5-10cm of new wet new snow reported at the base buildings at Round Hill on Sunday evening. There are likely to be a few more cm's coming out of the SE overnight and into Monday.

Recent Avalanche Activity



No reports of recent avalanching.

Mountain Weather



The NW gales have eased and light snow above 1400m is likely to continue with SE winds through Monday, clearing on Tuesday.



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