

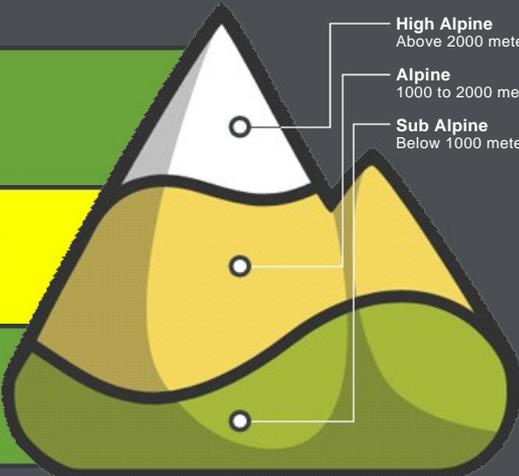
**1.Low**  
Generally safe, watch for unstable snow on isolated terrain features.



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



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**Avalanche Danger Scale**

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



**MSC**  
OUTDOOR SAFETY

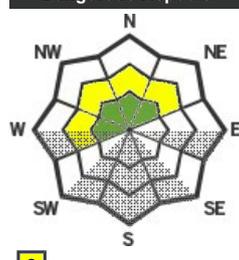
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**Primary Avalanche Danger**



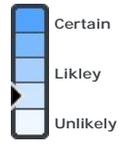
**LOOSE WET**

**Dangerous Aspects**



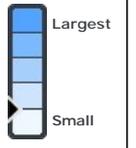
**2** Highest Danger Rating

**Likelihood**



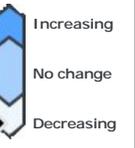
Certain  
Likely  
Unlikely

**Size**



Largest  
Small

**Trend**



Increasing  
No change  
Decreasing

**Time of day**



10am - 5pm



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

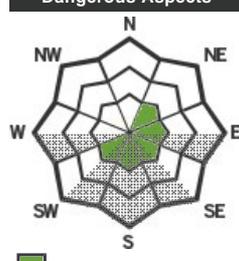
**Description:**  
With the return of the sun, there will be a period of increased activity from wet loose avalanches and sluffs coming out of steeper terrain. Solar affected aspects in the heat of the day will see the most action so plan your travel to avoid these danger zones.

**Secondary Avalanche Danger**



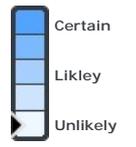
**WIND SLAB**

**Dangerous Aspects**



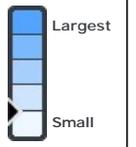
**1** Highest Danger Rating

**Likelihood**



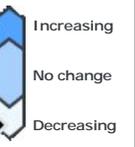
Certain  
Likely  
Unlikely

**Size**



Largest  
Small

**Trend**



Increasing  
No change  
Decreasing

**Time of day**



All day



High Alpine: Above 2000m  
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**Description:**  
The snow from last weeks storm cycle has either been capped by a raincrust at low or mid elevations or will have for the most part settled out. As there are still going to be several layers existing within the snowpack, we still can't completely put the potential of isolated windslab weaknesses to bed.

**Current Snowpack Conditions**



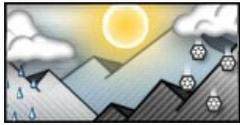
The snowpack is still layered with a rain crust up to about 2000m in places. Deeper in the pack is a mix of graupel and sun/wet grains and patches of new snow.

**Recent Avalanche Activity**



Quite a lot of activity from loose wet and small slabs late last week. Nothing new reported.

**Mountain Weather**



Mostly clear with light to moderate West to SW winds. Could be some showers on Friday then the return to the glorious weather for the weekend.



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

**Sliding Danger**



Taking an ice axe and crampons is the smart thing to do at this time of year. Wind scoured slopes and/or slopes that have frozen overnight can be potentially very slippery.