

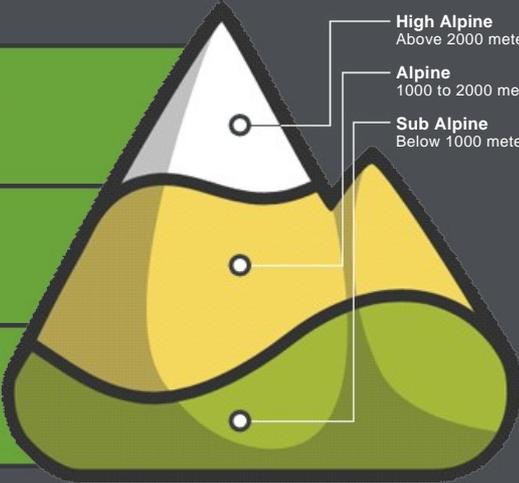
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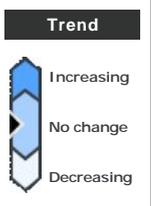
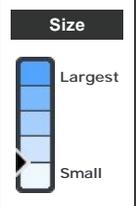
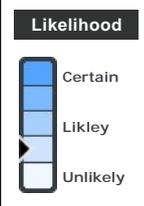
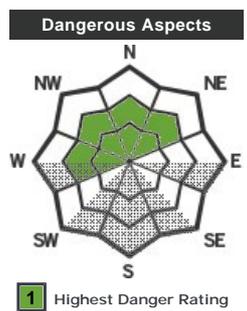
Avalanche Danger Scale

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



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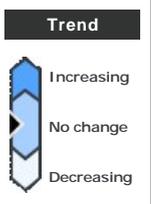
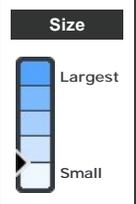
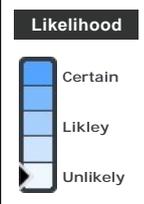
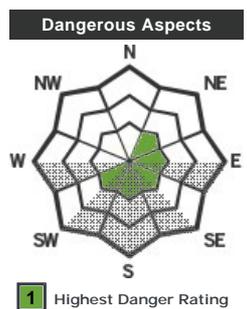
Primary Avalanche Danger



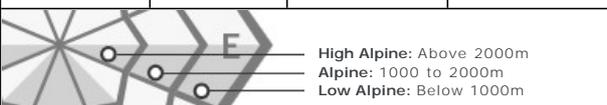
Description:
Although the overall danger is low, there still can be a period of increased activity from wet loose avalanches and sluffs coming out of steeper terrain during the heat of the day or on solar affected slopes, human-triggered slides are possible at these times.



Secondary Avalanche Danger



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



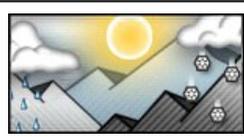
The snowpack is still layered with a wet grain crust in places. Deeper in the pack is a mix of graupel and sun/wet grains and patches of new snow. For the most part it has been wet and sloppy travel out there, with most parties using snowshoes for much of the day.

Recent Avalanche Activity



No new reports
Rockfall in many areas caused by the lack of cold temps is the most likely hazard this week.

Mountain Weather



Fine again Thursday with high freezing levels and northerly winds. The endless summer is likely to end by Friday mid morning as rain develops with high winds throughout the day and into the weekend.



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