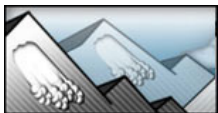


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Avalanche Problem 1	 STORM SLAB		Likelihood Almost Certain Unlikely	Size Largest Smallest	Trend INCREASING Time of Day ALL DAY	Description Storm Slab and Wind Slab are likely to exist on a range of aspects. However, slopes facing North East through to South West above about 1700m will be particularly avalanche prone. Avoid ridgeline entry points, convex rolls and other steep terrain if you encounter stiff storm snow or wind slab.
Avalanche Problem 2	 PERSISTENT SLAB		Likelihood Almost Certain Unlikely	Size Largest Smallest	Trend INCREASING Time of Day ALL DAY	Description Fresh snow and wind loading over the past couple of days will add weight to a weak snow pack. Facet layers (weak, sugary forms) are sandwiched between crusts (rime and rain) in places. Stay well clear of steep and complex terrain (chutes, narrow gullies etc). Exercise good group management and ski/ride slopes one at a time.



Recent Avalanche Activity

Periods of poor visibility have

restricted observations over the past couple of days. Reported 6/8 a skier remote Size 2.5 on (PWL) - Towers Ridge, Aspect - East , Elevation 1850. Reported 4/8 a helicopter landing produced a Size 1.5 slide on (PWL) - Aspect - South, Elevation 1900m. Please submit an observation if you see evidence of avalanche activity - all information is helpful.



Current Snowpack Conditions

New snow and wind loading over the past

48 hours. In certain areas, loading is likely on a pack which contains hidden weak layers (PWL). Facet layers (weak, sugary forms) sandwiched between crusts (rime and rain) are especially likely to be found on slopes facing East through to South above about 1700m. Buried Surface Hoar may exist in some cold, sheltered areas. Pockets of Depth Hoar have been identified on slopes facing East through to South at upper elevations. Prior to the most recent snow, melt/freeze crusts were widespread on solar (North facing) slopes.



Mountain Weather

A few showers falling as snow, down to 600m. Moderate

North/North West winds. Freezing level - 800m rising to 1000m.



Sliding Danger

You may encounter exposed icy crusts. Carrying ski crampons or crampons/ice axe is good idea.