










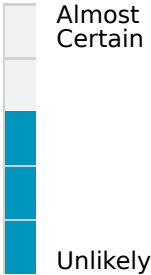
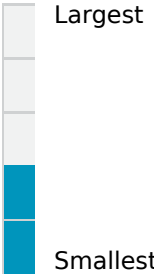






<div><h2>Wanaka</h2><div>4 High</div><p>A substantial amount of new snow is likely along the Divide. Natural avalanche activity is probable. Back country travel is not recommended in the West on Tuesday. New snow totals will be less further East. Despite this, conditions remain challenging. The underlying snow pack is thin and weak (PWL) in places. Careful terrain selection and a cautious approach will be required. A day for moderate angled, wide open slopes.</p><p>Issued Tuesday 15th August 2023 5:26</p><p>Valid until Wednesday 16th August 2023 5:26</p></div>	<p>High Alpine Above 1800 meters</p> <div></div> <div>4 High</div> <p>Very dangerous avalanche conditions. Travel in avalanche terrain not recommended.</p>
	<p>Alpine 1200 - 1800 meters</p> <div></div> <div>3 Considerable</div> <p>Dangerous conditions, conservative decision making essential.</p>
	<p>Sub Alpine Below 1200 meters</p> <div></div> <div>2 Moderate</div> <p>Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.</p>

Avalanche Problem 1	 <div>STORM SLAB</div>		<p>Likelihood</p> <div><div></div>Almost Certain</div> <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> Unlikely
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Avalanche Problem 2	 <p>PERSISTENT SLAB</p>		Likelihood 	Size 	Trend INCREASING	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.
					Time of Day ALL DAY	

 <p>Recent Avalanche Activity</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p>Current Snowpack Conditions</p> <p>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.</p>	 <p>Mountain Weather</p> <p>A few showers falling as snow, down to 600m. Moderate North/North West winds. Freezing level - 800m rising to 1000m.</p>	 <p>Sliding Danger</p> <p>You may encounter exposed icy crusts. Carrying ski crampons or crampons/ice axe is good idea.</p>
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