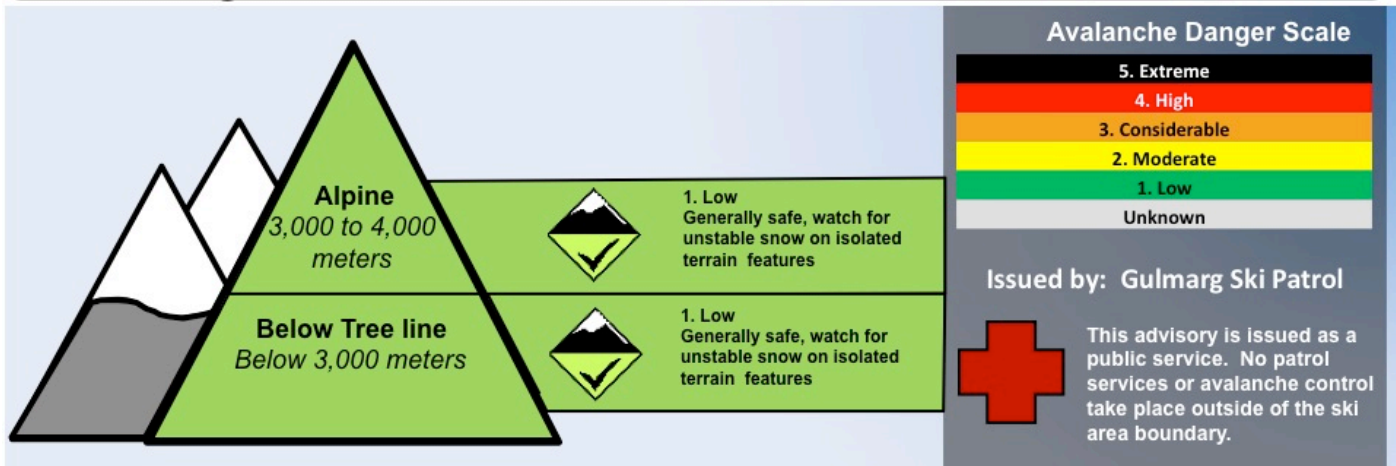
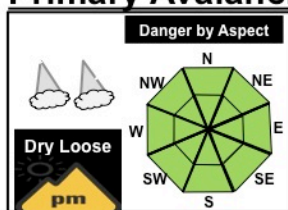


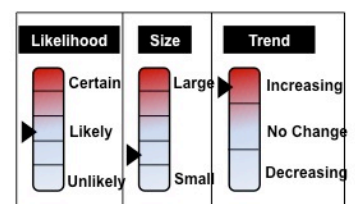
Backcountry snow, weather and avalanche conditions for Gulmarg 8.1.2015



Primary Avalanche Problem



Description: Dry loose snow avalanches happen when dry uncohesive snow slides on harder snow beneath, oftentimes a crust or windslab. They are generally associated with new snow, but can be produced by older dry snow. Distribution varies based on the type of snow and the extent of the bed surface. These avalanches usually occur on terrain 35° or steeper, and can be dangerous if they drag you into terrain traps, like cliffs, rocks or gullies



Snowpack Discussion:



The forecast for today remains low, with the primary problem being the possibility of loose snow avalanches of old faceted snow in steep terrain >35 degrees on NW to E facing slopes. These avalanches have the ability to carry you over cliffs and into rocks. We (Gulmarg Ski Patrol) continue to *not recommend skiing and riding* with our current thin snowpack, there are not only unmarked rocks, stumps, and metal exposed in the ski area, but also just below the surface of the snow. You will hit rocks and other objects below the surface of the snow if you choose to go skiing or riding. Wait for the next storm to come, go hit some golf balls in Gulmarg meadow. In this case, the early bird is not getting the worm, but scratched and gouged ski/snowboard bases, and possibly a season-ending injury. Wait for more snow.

Weather Discussion: for 3,000meters



Sunny with light winds today, with the temperatures remaining right around freezing. We are keeping an eye on an approaching snow storm that is forecasted to arrive on the evening of the 12th January. It does look promising for producing the much needed coverage for Gulmarg, but is still a ways off.



FOR YOUR SAFETY:

Beacon, shovel and probe **MANDATORY** for all skiers and riders accessing phase two of the Gondola

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