

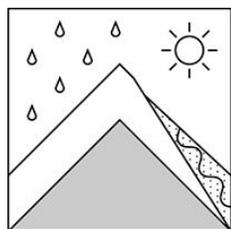
The Bottom Line

Long, sliding fall potential this morning, followed by wet loose avalanches and increasing spring hazards this afternoon should be on your mind as you look for good turns. LOW avalanche danger exists today due to heavy sluffing in new snow that fell last night and more limited sluffing in older snow that will be softening through the day. There have been many learning opportunities this season regarding the severity of punishment that can be meted out for small mistakes, so pay close attention to your surroundings and your intuition.

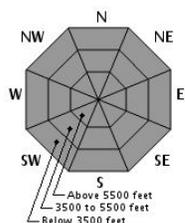
Mountain Weather

Freezing conditions returned overnight to the summit and, to large extent, middle elevations. Clearing skies, sunshine and low wind speeds will allow the temperature to quickly rebound above the freezing mark this morning. Expect a high temperature around 35F on the summit and warmer in the Ravines. Overnight temperatures on the summit will remain near or just below freezing. Rain and mixed precipitation return tomorrow with the potential for 2-4" of snow, with rain at lower elevations, on Saturday. Today is the day to call in sick.

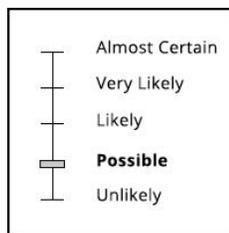
Primary Avalanche Problem



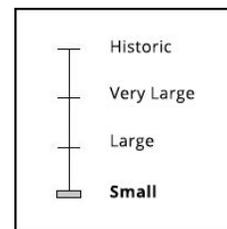
Wind Slab



Aspect/Elevation



Likelihood



Size

An inch of new snow plus softening old snow will create relatively harmless sluffing today, if well managed. Consider what is in your fall line, especially any crevasses, moats around rocks and cliff bands. These can be serious terrain traps.

Snowpack and Avalanche Discussion

We've received less than half the average snowfall for the month and we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through. Most of the precipitation has fallen as rain which makes it hard to believe that we are 2" below normal for that type of precipitation as well. In any case, the continued warm nights combined with rain are rapidly bringing spring conditions to the mountains. Rockfall, [icefall](#), moats, crevasses and undermined snow over streams are all players in this mountain arena. You can easily reduce your risk by giving these hazards a wide berth and by scouting your line carefully. Warm temperatures today and tomorrow will continue the melting and contribute to these hazards.

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Please Remember: Safe travel in avalanche terrain requires training and experience. This forecast is just one of many decision making tools. You control your own risk by choosing where, when, and how you travel. Understand that the avalanche danger may change when actual weather differs from the weather forecast. For more information contact the Forest Service Snow Rangers, the AMC at the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, or the caretakers at Hermit Lake Shelters or at the Harvard Cabin.