

# Gudauri

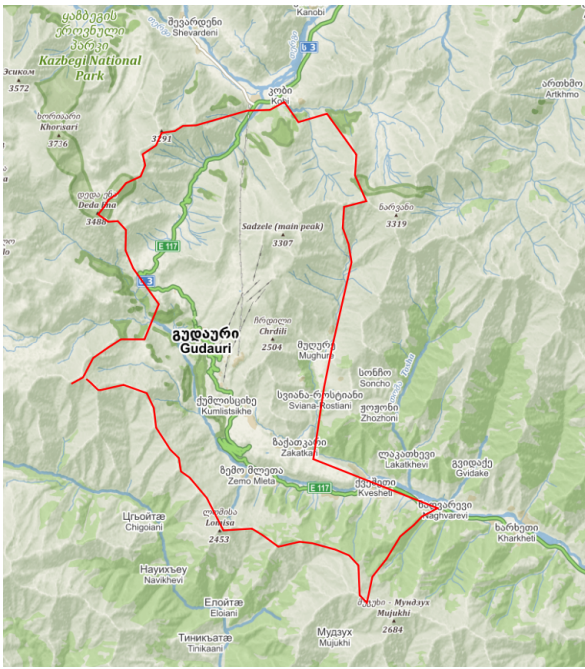


Natural avalanche activity has mostly stopped and the snowpack seems to slowly stabilize. However, temperatures remain high throughout Friday so the warm-related hazard is not gone just yet. Bear in mind that in many places there is still a weak basal layer which can be triggered by a skier. We expect further stabilization over the next days, but for tomorrow the hazard is forecasted considerable in the high alpine and alpine, and moderate in the subalpine.

Forecast issued at: **16-Mar-2023 22:00**  
 Forecast valid until: **17-Mar-2023 22:00**

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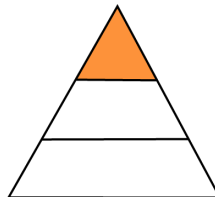
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## Forecast Area

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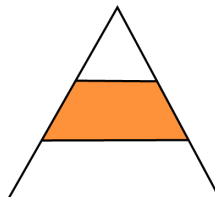
**High Alpine**  
 > 2600m



**3 Considerable**

Dangerous avalanche conditions. Careful snowpack evaluation, cautious route-finding and conservative decision-making essential.

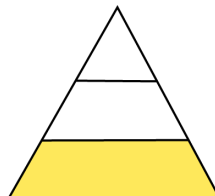
**Alpine**  
 2000m - 2600m



**3 Considerable**

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**Sub Alpine**  
 < 2000m

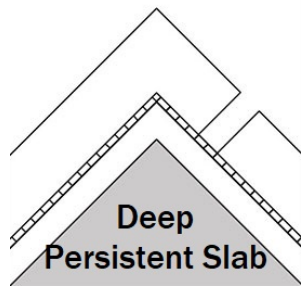
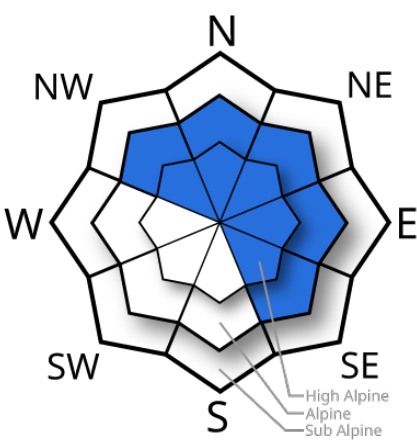


**2 Moderate**

Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features. Evaluate snow and terrain carefully; identify features of concern.

## Avalanche Problems

### Deep Slab

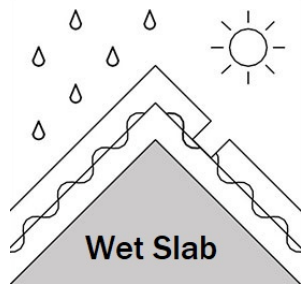
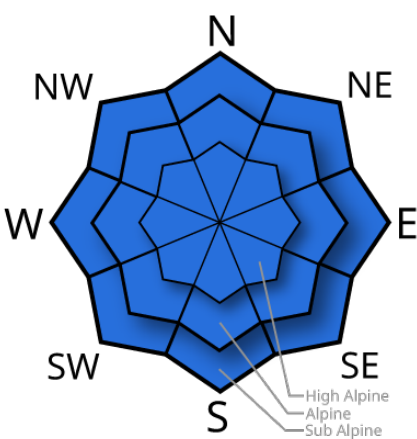


A weak layer, usually at or near the base of the snowpack, that resists bonding to an overlying slab over an extended time period.

In some areas the basal weak layer remains reactive to skiers and has recently produced large (size 3) natural avalanches since the last storm.

Likelihood	Avalanche Size	Time of Day	Trend
Possible	3	All day	

### Wet Slab

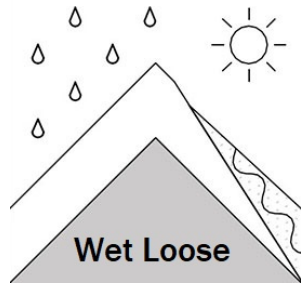
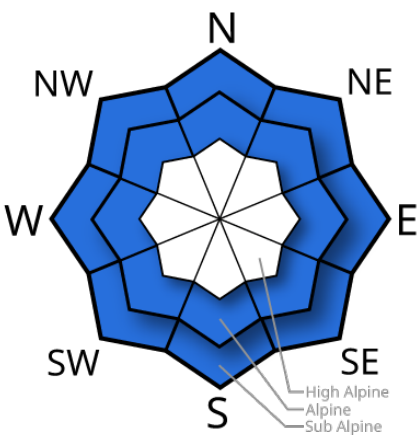


A thick cohesive slab of snow losing its bond to a weaker layer after becoming damp, moist, or saturated with water.

With continued warm temperatures with freezing levels up to 3000 m wet slabs remain possible.

Likelihood	Avalanche Size	Time of Day	Trend
Possible	3	All day	

### Loose Wet



A type of loose snow avalanche composed of wet or moist snow.

Natural wet loose avalanches are still possible in steep terrain across all aspects in the subalpine and alpine.

Likelihood	Avalanche Size	Time of Day	Trend
Possible	2	All day	

## Weather Forecast

Friday 17 March: In Gudauri (2200 m): up to 6°C, with light winds from variable directions and some rain starting later in the day; up to 13°C in Arakhveti (1450 m).