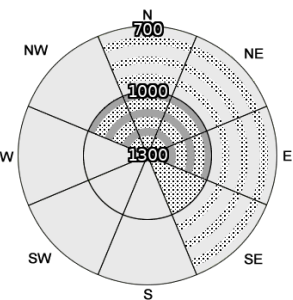


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 28/03/2015 TO 18:00HRS Sun 29/03/2015



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

Snow showers are expected above 600 metres throughout the forecast period. Moderate West-South-Westerly winds will increase in strength towards the end of the day. The freezing level will fall to 700 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack will become more consolidated in the cooler temperatures; however instabilities will remain within the snowpack in areas of steep convex terrain on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 1000 metres. New accumulations of windslab will develop on North-East to South-East aspects mostly around coire rims and gully tops above 900 metres. Below 900 metres stability will be generally good. Cornices will be unstable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 28/03/2015

Observed Weather Influences

During the morning snowfall turned to rain at all levels as the freezing level rose to above the summits, this cleared by midday before showers of rain and snow arrived during the afternoon. Strong to gale force Southerly winds veered towards the West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New accumulations of windslab have developed on North-West to North-East aspects above 900 metres. Surface instabilities were observed mainly on North-West and North aspects around 1000 metres. Although the snowpack is thawing the weak sub surface layer is still evident on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. Below this altitude stability is generally good. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet thawing snow below 1000m. Clear in the morning with poorer visibility in clouds and snow during the afternoon. Winds approx 50 - 60 mph making progress very difficult and sometimes taking us off our feet

Comments

Looking wintry for the next few days