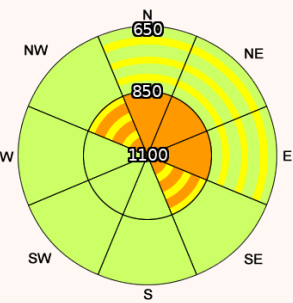


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 06/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sun 07/02/2016



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

Remaining cold with more persistent snowfall throughout the period. Strong South-East winds veering through South, becoming West-South-West later.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weakly bonded windslab will form mainly on very sheltered North to East aspects above 850 metres. Localised accumulations also expected on steeper North-West and South-East facing gullies and sheltered scarp slopes. Avalanches likely. New weak cornice development on lee slopes. All recently wind scoured locations will be hard or crusty and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 06/02/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Cold with persistent light snow showers, heavier later. Winds have been strong Southerly, backing South-Easterly during the morning.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

More snowfall than expected. Weak windslab is acquiring depth mainly on North-West to North aspects above 900m though instability tending to be localised. Snow distribution complex due to shifting winds. Scoured old snow quite often alongside newly formed windslab. Wind-exposed locations hard or very crusty depending on altitude. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Breakable crust 600m to 850m, very tiring conditions. No visibility throughout the day above 800 metres. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.
Comments	More snow than expected on Saturday. Continuous drifting and a wind shift resulted in scouring of high East aspects later.