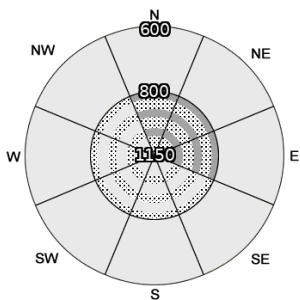


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 27/02/2017 TO 18:00HRS Tue 28/02/2017



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

There will be snow showers between the early hours and late morning above 300 metres. The freezing level will be around 400 metres overnight rising to 600 metres through the day. The light North-North-West wind will back through 360 degrees during the period and strengthen becoming fresh.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised areas of unstable windslab will persist in sheltered locations on mainly North to East aspects above 800 metres. Some fresh light accumulations of unstable windslab will be deposited by precipitation and wind transport on all aspects, mainly above 800 metres. Cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 27/02/2017

Observed Weather Influences

After overnight showers which fell as snow above around 300 metres it was a cold dry day with sunny spells by early afternoon. The freezing level was around 400 metres and the fresh South-South-Westerly wind eased through the morning.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Generally the old snowpack is consolidating in the colder conditions. Localised deposits of fresh unstable windslab containing layers of graupel have formed in sheltered locations, mainly on North to East aspects above 800 metres. Fragile cornices have started to form. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Firmer snow as the snowpack dries out - ice forming. Localised areas of fresh windslab. 80% of cloud cover at mid-day but sunny spells in the afternoon. Winds approx 10mph or less.
Comments	Remaining cold through week, with some snow showers and generally light winds.