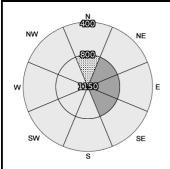
Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 20/02/2022 TO 18:00HRS Mon 21/02/2022



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probabilty
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

The freezing level will be around 300 metres rising to 800 metres during the day. Frequent showers overnight, becoming more scattered during the day, before dying out. Initially these will be wintry to glen level, then rising to fall as snow above 800 metres. Gale force Westerly winds will veer North-West overnight, then decrease steadily to reach moderate by the end of the forecasting period.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Overnight, the existing moist snowpack will refreeze. New unstable windslab will develop mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above 800 metres. Some other aspects may be affected due to cross-loading. Locations most affected will be steep wind-sheltered areas such as gully tops, crag aprons and corrie rims. Cornices will form above the same aspects. Elsewhere the snowpack will be generally well bonded, firm and icy. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 20/02/2022

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level fell from above the summits to be around 900 metres at midday. Heavy showers, were becoming more wintery on the higher tops as the freezing level lowered. Gale force West-South-Westerly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack has thawed and has become moist at all levels. Wet snow instabilities exist mainly on steep North through East to South-East aspects above 800 metres. The snowpack is starting to consolidate with the onset of colder temperatures. Shallow deposits of new windslab were starting to form on North-East to South-East aspects above 800 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Moist snow throughout, firmer above 1000 metres. Cloudy on the tops with poor visibility in the showers. Westerly winds approx 40 - 50 mph.
Comments	Existing snowpack will become well consolidated and firm. Fresh windslab accumulations with the onset of heavy wintry showers.