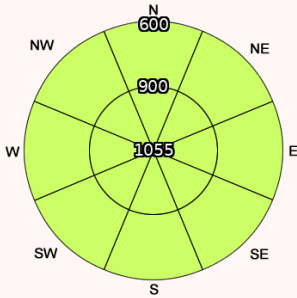


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 24/01/2023 TO 18:00HRS Wed 25/01/2023



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

Gale strength South-West winds will lower in strength overnight veer through West becoming strong North-West by the end of the period. It will be dry at first with frequent precipitation falling as showers overnight, initially as rain then sleet or snow in the day. The freezing level will remain above the summits until the early hours when it will lower to around 800 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing well consolidated diminishing snow pack will continue to thaw at first and be generally stable. As the freezing level lowers the snow pack will firm up improving stability. Some new windslab deposits may begin to form on wind sheltered terrain on East to South-East aspects above 900 metres however these will be shallow and avoidable. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 24/01/2023

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a cloudy day with drizzle and poor visibility on the tops. The wind was very strong South-South-Westerly. The freezing level remained above the summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The wet snowpack has continue to thaw in the milder temperatures. It is consolidated and generally stable with only some isolated wet snow instabilities remaining on very steep terrain mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above 750 metres. Ridge crests and wind exposed slopes have little or very shallow snow cover. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, better above 600 metres. Poor visibility throughout the day above 700 metres. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

A lower freezing level but rising again by the end of the week.