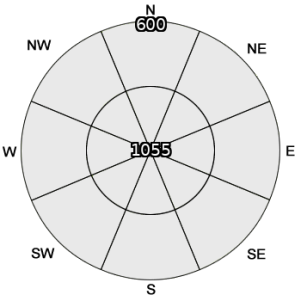


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 16/02/2023 TO 18:00HRS Fri 17/02/2023



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

Overnight, South-Westerly winds increase to storm force with heavy rain and a freezing level well above the summits. During the day, the freezing level drops to around 750 metres with showers falling as snow above 600 metres; winds veer Westerly and gradually ease to become strong by the end of the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older snowpack will remain stable throughout. These accumulations are patchy and mostly above 850m on Northerly to South-Easterly aspects. Any fresh snow will consolidate quickly in the mild overnight temperatures. Fresh snow accumulations during the day are not expected to be significant. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 16/02/2023

Observed Weather Influences

It was a mainly dry day with light South-Westerly winds. The freezing level was around 800 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The patchy old snowpack is well bonded and stable in all locations. Accumulations of fresh windslab are not significant. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Patchy snow cover with a dusting of fresh snow above 800 metres. Mostly cloudy on the tops. Winds 10 - 20 mph.
Comments	The worst of the conditions from storm Otto should pass in the latter part of the night with a gradual improvement through the day,