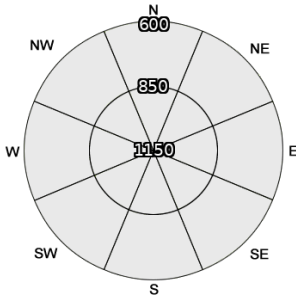


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 18/03/2023 TO 18:00HRS Sun 19/03/2023



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, the freezing level will fall to around 700 metres with mainly light and patchy rain, a dusting of new snow is possible over the highest summits. Sunday, mainly dry and fine, some patchy snow falling above 900 metres later in the afternoon. The winds will be strong overnight from the West-North-West then easing and backing through the day to become fresh mainly South-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow amounts are not expected to be significant, in the main a light dusting mainly above 850 metres. The old wet snowpack will consolidate in the cooler conditions and start to refreeze and remain generally well bonded and stable. Greatest snow amounts will be present mostly on North to Easterly aspects above 850 metres. At higher elevations the snowpack will become firm and icy. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 18/03/2023

Observed Weather Influences

After a mainly dry and mild night, today remained mild but it rained non stop at all elevations. Winds were moderate to fresh from a Southerly direction.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack continues to thaw but remains generally well bonded and stable. Some isolated pockets of wet snow instabilities still exist on steeper slopes with a North to East aspect, gully exits and steep coire rims are particularly affected. The greatest snow amounts are still present on North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Very little snow below 700 metres, a thawing wet snowpack above this elevation. Poor visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. South-Easterly winds were approx 8-20 mph feeling cool in the rain.

Comments

Slightly cooler and drier on Sunday but freezing level rising again on Monday and Tuesday.