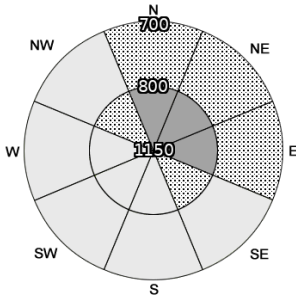


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 12/02/2024 TO 18:00HRS Tue 13/02/2024



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

A band of organised snow showers and strong to gale force West-South-Westerly summit winds will affect the area overnight and for much of Tuesday. The freezing level by day will be around 700-800 metres. The strong winds will moderate through the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Stormy conditions overnight. Unstable windslab and fragile cornices will continue to form in wind sheltered areas mainly above 800 metres. Areas most affected will be all sheltered gullies particularly exit fans and slopes with a Northerly to Easterly aspect where avalanches are likely. Windward slopes will remain firm and icy in exposed areas with generally good stability. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 12/02/2024

Observed Weather Influences

Snow showers, some heavy above 400 metres have affected the area overnight and today, winds have been fresh to strong generally South-Westerly, the freezing level was around 400 metres. The sun made a few, mainly brief appearances.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas exposed to the South-Westerly winds are generally scoured and are icy in places, in these areas stability is good. Wind transport of existing and new snow has formed areas of unstable windslab in wind sheltered locations, sheltered gullies and Northerly to Easterly scarp slopes above 850 metres are mainly affected. Fragile cornices exist above some of these areas. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Drifting at higher altitudes onto Northerly and Easterly aspects. Poor visibility in clouds and snow particularly by afternoon. Winds 30-40 mph generally from the South-West.

Comments

Stormy outlook overnight and Tuesday morning, fresh windslab and cornices will be unstable. Windward exposed slopes will be potentially icy with serious consequences in the event of an uncontrolled slip or fall.