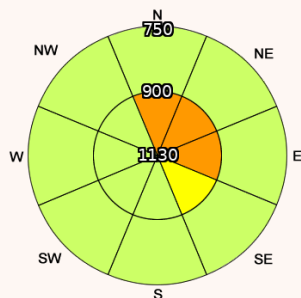


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 14/02/2024 TO 18:00HRS Thu 15/02/2024



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

Winds will be moderate to fresh from a mainly South-East direction. There will be light rain overnight and into the morning at all levels. The freezing level will be above the summits.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of recently deposited windslab will be present on mainly North to East aspects above 900 metres. Instabilities will remain at depth with the greatest accumulations being found in steep gully tops and corrie rims. Unstable cornices will overhang many of these locations, and will weaken further in the mild conditions overnight. Improving stability trend below 900 metres as the deeper localised deposits continue to consolidate. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 14/02/2024

Observed Weather Influences

It was a dry morning with light and variable winds. The afternoon brought sleet and rain to the highest tops. The freezing level rose from approximately 400 metres to around the highest summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Instabilities within the recent deposits of windslab persist mainly above 900 metres on North to East aspects. Other aspects are affected by crossloading. Cornices are weak and prone to collapse. Below this the snow cover tends to be more patchy with localised deposits of windslab and improving stability. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Localised deep snow drifts above 600 metres. Good visibility in the morning becoming poor in the afternoon. Calm conditions.

Comments

Thaw conditions on Thursday.