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Avalanche Hazard Forecast

FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 04/04/2024 TO 18:00HRS Fri 05/04/2024

THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE MODERATE

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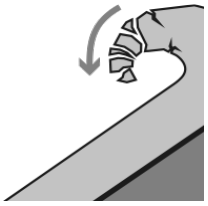
Avalanche Problems



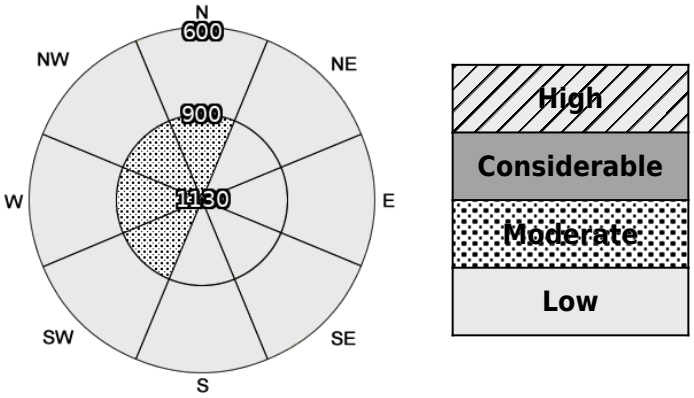
Wind Slab



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

Overnight and through Friday, fresh unstable windslab will be deposited in localised locations, on wind sheltered South-West to North-West aspects, above 900 metres. There will be cross-loading of this windslab onto the older snowpack on Northerly aspects. Rising temperatures in the afternoon will cause further windslab instability. Fresh unstable cornices will develop above these aspects. East facing slopes will generally be scoured, hard and icy.
The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.



Forecast Weather Influences

There will be frequent snow showers above 500 metres from midnight into Friday morning. These will ease to occasional showers, of snow above 800 metres, during the day. Freezing level will initially be around 500 metres, and will steadily rise to above summits by the end of the period. Winds will generally be Easterly and ease from gale force at dawn, to fresh through the day.

Comments

Although the overnight snow will fall largely on bare ground, it may give significant accumulations at altitude. The strong Easterly winds will also cause significant drifting onto Westerly aspects, particularly during the morning. East facing slopes, where the largest older snowfields are, will be scoured, making them icy and hard, with a serious run out potential. Looking ahead, the weekend is looking mild and stormy.

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