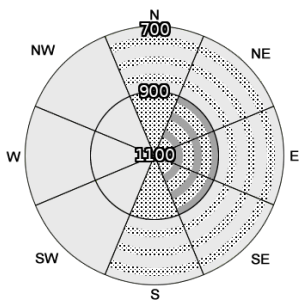


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 03/04/2015 TO 18:00HRS Sat 04/04/2015



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

Generally dry and becoming much milder. Moderate to strong Westerly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There will be some general consolidation of the snowpack at lower altitudes. Rising temperatures will maintain localised instability in deeper snow on North East to South East aspects above 900m. Very large unstable cornices overhang many of these locations which in the event of collapse will threaten the slopes below with high additional loading. Better stability on all recently scoured aspects and ridges. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 03/04/2015

Observed Weather Influences

Generally dry overnight then wet in the morning with snow at higher elevations. Cool but noticeably milder later. Very light variable winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Covering of fresh snow above 700m, up to 5cm on highest plateaus. Surface wet snow instability noted on many steep aspects as temperatures rose. Fluctuating temperatures bringing some early consolidation to the snowpack on all aspects. However cold snow at depth is maintaining localized instability on North East to East aspects above 900m. Very large cornices weaker in mild conditions, some shedding chunks. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow throughout No visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds approx 10mph or less

Comments

Significant potential for cornice collapse as the freezing level rises quickly to 2200m during the day. Some cornices are very large indeed.