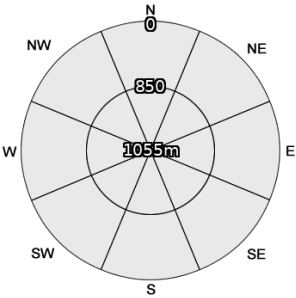


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 04/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Tue 05/01/2016



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

The persistent strong to gale force Easterly wind will gradually ease to 30mph by the end of the day. No precipitation is expected. The freezing level will fluctuate below the summits to as low as 500 metres. Cloudy.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The patchy snowpack will remain firm and stable throughout. Snow mainly on North-West to North-East aspects above 850 metres. Icy edges to the old snow was noted. The avalanche hazard will be Low

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 04/01/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Strong Easterly winds with pulses of light rain, more frequent in the afternoon. Freezing level around 850 metres. No fresh snow observed on the summits. Cloud base around 750 metres, higher to the west.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Stable patchy snowpack, Most snow is on North-West to North-East aspects above 850 metres. Exposed areas of old snow is very firm. At higher levels, the newer snow is consolidated with a surface crust. The avalanche hazard is Low

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Patchy firm snow - ice on some aspects. Cloud base was at 700 metres all day. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring.
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Comments	Easterly airflow to be maintained. Little change expected. The older snow is very firm and icy in places.
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