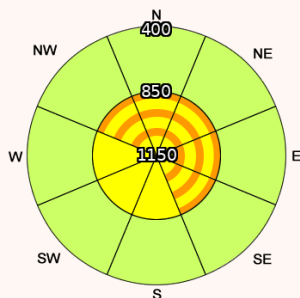


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 13/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Thu 14/01/2016



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 freezing level will lower to around 200 metres this will give hard overnight frost at all levels. It will remain dry through most of the period with light snow showers starting in the afternoon. The winds will be Easterly over night becoming Northerly then backing during the day to South-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised, weakly bonded windslab will persist on many sheltered aspects. The greatest accumulations will be on North-West through North to East aspects above 850 metres. New, poorly bonded windslab will develop in sheltered locations during the afternoon mostly on North-West to North-East aspects above 850 metres. Areas particularly affected will be sheltered gullies, corrie headwalls and scarp slopes. Cornices unstable.
The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 13/01/2016

Observed Weather Influences

A light dusting of new snow overnight and freezing took place at all levels. This was followed by a dry, cold and clear day. The winds were light from a Southerly direction with the freezing level rising slightly to around 500 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poorly bonded soft windslab exists in sheltered areas, mainly on steep North-West through North to East aspects above 850 metres. Accumulations are generally localised and avoidable. Field tests produced failures in the snowpack on a North-Easterly aspect. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover mostly above 350 metres with localised deeper drifts at higher altitudes. Cold clear conditions. Light Southerly winds approx 10mph or less.

Comments

Staying cold with some snow showers with West to North-Westerly winds on Thursday evening into Friday morning.