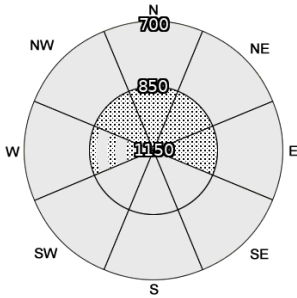


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 23/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sun 24/01/2016



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

Mild conditions will continue to affect the area through the forecast period. The freezing level which is already above the summits will rise to 2500 metres. Light rain or drizzle overnight will becoming more persistent rain during the morning then drier conditions in the afternoon. The winds will be strong from the South to South-Westerly direction.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will be moist or wet in all locations. Wet snow instabilities will become more localised and confined to steepest North-West through North to East aspects above 850 metres with sheltered summit gullie exits particularly affected. Remaining cornices will be unstable and prone to collapse. At lower elevations the snowpack will be wet but generally well bonded but diminishing rapidly. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 23/01/2016

Observed Weather Influences

After some light precipitation during the night which gave a light dusting of snow over the summits it was predominately dry today. However, it was mild and thawing at all levels. The winds were strong at times from the South-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is moist at all elevations but generally stable. Some wet snow instabilities still persist on the steepest slopes, these areas are mainly above 850 metres on North-West through North to Easterly aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snowpack at all altitudes. Visibility was poor at times with some short clear spells. South-Westerly winds 20 -30 mph.

Comments

The mild conditions are forecast to continue till Monday afternoon.