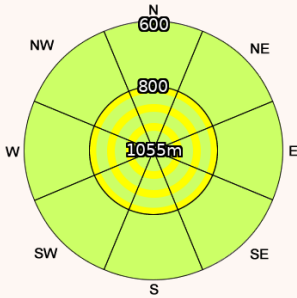


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 23/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sun 24/01/2016



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

It is expected to remain mild with the freezing level above the summits and persistent rain at all levels during the day. Winds will be very strong generally South-South-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will continue to thaw at all levels. Localised instabilities will persist in the moist or wet snowpack on steep slopes, on many aspects above 800m. Any remaining cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 23/01/2016

Observed Weather Influences

It was mild, with rain at all levels during the morning. Winds were very strong mainly South-South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is thawing at all levels. Some instabilities remain in the moist or wet snowpack on steep slopes on many aspects above 800m. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack. Cloud base variable, generally 700-800m. Winds 40 - 50 mph, with stronger gusts, making progress difficult and strenuous.

Comments

Much depleted snowpack. Rock and ice fall will continue to be a hazard in these thawing conditions.