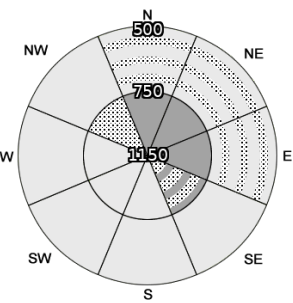


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 30/01/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sun 31/01/2016



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

New snow mainly above 400 metres will affect the area overnight with more persistent falls through the morning. Winds strong Westerly overnight will become mainly fresh South-Westerly by morning backing to the South-East through the course of the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Where exposed to the recent Westerly gales many slopes will remain scoured and icy. Unstable windslab will exist in sheltered summit gullies of many aspects and on slopes with a North through East to South-East aspect mainly above 750 metres; here avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 30/01/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Conditions were very stormy today with strong Westerly gales. Snow showers initially at all levels became much more persistent and heavier through the afternoon. New snow is lying mainly above 200 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The Westerly gales have rendered many windward and exposed slopes scoured and icy in places. Deep drifts and unstable areas of windslab are forming in sheltered locations above 800 metres. Deepest deposits are in sheltered summit gullies and on slopes with a North through East to South-Easterly aspect. Fresh cornices are fragile. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wind scoured and icy on many Westerly aspects new snow and wind transport snow forming drifts and windslab in sheltered gullies and hollows. Whiteout conditions with poor visibility above 500 metres during snow showers. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

Full on Winter conditions today.