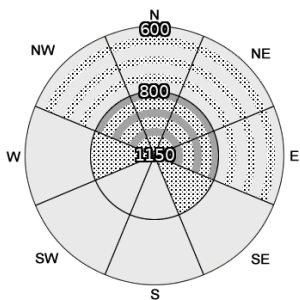


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 05/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sat 06/02/2016



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 wind will be strong, initially from a South-West direction backing progressively East-South-Easterly throughout the period. There will be moderate snowfall above 500 metres overnight, rising to 900 metres by the end of the period . The freezing level will be around 500 metres overnight then rising through the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Falling temperatures will continue to consolidate the existing snowpack. Fresh accumulations of unstable windslab will form mainly on North-West through North to East aspects above 800 metres, with gullies and other steep sheltered slopes being most affected. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 05/02/2016

Observed Weather Influences

The wind was strong from a West-South-Westerly direction. Steady rain falling at all levels turned to sleety snow above 800 metres. The freezing level fell to around 850 metres during the morning.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack has become moist and has diminished in extent due to overnight thaw conditions. Areas of moderate to well bonded windslab exist mainly on North to East aspects above 800 metres. Elsewhere the snowpack is generally stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Diminishing snowpack, greatest cover North to East aspects above 800 metres. 100% of cloud cover at mid-day. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.
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Comments	Prospect of colder showery weather bringing more snow.
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