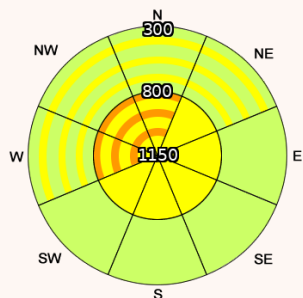


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 12/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sat 13/02/2016



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

Light snow showers overnight, will subside early in the morning to give a predominately dry day. Strong Easterly winds throughout the forecast period these could reach gale force over the summits during the early part of the day. The freezing will lower to 200 metres with a hard frost in the glens.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable accumulations of windslab will develop on South-West to North-Westerly aspects mostly above 800 metres with corrie rims and gully exits most affected. Cross loading will affect other aspects with localised unstable deposits. Additionally, some moderate instabilities will persist in older localised accumulations on Northerly to South-Easterly aspects with steep and convex terrain particularly affected. Cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 12/02/2016

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a dry day with fresh to moderate Easterly winds. Freezing at all levels, summit temperatures were -4.4 Celsius this morning.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The cold temperatures are maintaining snowpack instabilities in localised pockets of accumulation. Areas of moderately bonded windslab are present on steep North through East to South-East aspects mostly above 850 metres. Elsewhere the snowpack is generally stable and well bonded. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover above 400 metres with verglas on many paths. Good visibility. Easterly winds approx 10 - 20 mph.

Comments

Looks like a cold, windy Saturday. New snow amounts are not certain.