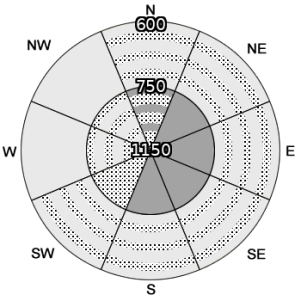


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 23/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Wed 24/02/2016



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

Fresh winds will be variable, West-South-Westerly veering West then North-Westerly by the end of the period. Light occasional snow showers are expected. The freezing level will be around 300 to 400 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weakly bonded wind slab will persist on North through East to Southerly aspects above 750 metres. Although West to North aspects will be exposed to further scouring isolated pockets of instability will remain. Below 750 metres on North through East to South - West aspects localised moderately bonded deposits will persist on steep wind sheltered terrain. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 23/02/2016

Observed Weather Influences

A bright day with strong West - North - Westerly winds. with some drifting. The freezing level was around 400 to 600 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weakly bonded windslab persists on North through East to Southerly aspects above 750 metres. All other aspects are affected with poor to moderatley bonded deposits above 750 metres. Below this level isolated pockets of instability persist on mainly North through East to South aspects. Some wind exposed ridges are scoured. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Firm snow - ice at higher altitudes with deep snow on wind sheltered locations and at lower levels. Cold clear conditions. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cold with the wind chill.
Comments	A fine but cold day.