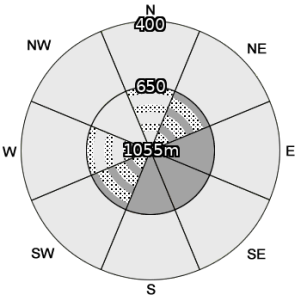


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 24/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Thu 25/02/2016



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

Freezing at all levels during the night and rising to around 300m during the day. Showers dying out. North-North -Westerly winds will ease to around 10-15 mph over summits by dawn and become Westerly before backing South-Westerly at the end of the period.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of unstable windslab will persist in sheltered locations on East to Southerly aspects above 650m. Other aspects in wind sheltered locations will also be affected due to cross loading. Cornices will continue to develop above steep lee slopes. Single point avalanches are likely on steep South-West to South-East facing slopes if exposed to the sun for any length of time. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 24/02/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Light snow showers during the last 24 hours with fresh winds from a North-North-Westerly direction. Remaining cold with the freezing level at around 400m during the day. Sheltered south facing slopes feeling warm in the sunshine.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of unstable windslab are present on sheltered locations on East to Southerly aspects above 650m. Other aspects in wind sheltered locations are affected by cross loading. Cornices have developed above steep lee slopes. Single point avalanches were observed on steep South-West to South-East facing slopes due to radiation. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Deep drifts above 450m - some exposed ridges scoured. Good visibility in-between the showers Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling etc
Comments	Snow down to sea level first thing this morning. Heavy drifts in places which can make it hard going. Showers much less frequent today and some lovely spells of sunshine in-between.