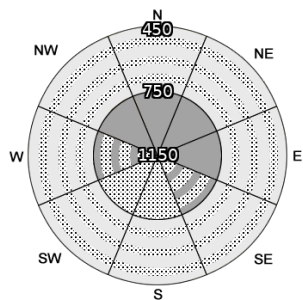


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 29/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Tue 01/03/2016



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

Overnight, gale force Southerly winds then veering South-Westerly, the freezing level will rise to well above the summits. Precipitation, light snow showers at first turning to heavy rain at all levels. During the day, the freezing level will slowly lower to 500 metres and rain will become light snow showers. The winds will become Westerly and decrease slightly but still remain strong.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Overnight, the snowpack will become wet and increasingly unstable, avalanches are likely on all aspects above 750 metres. Cornices will be prone to collapse affecting the slopes below. During the day the snowpack stability will start to improve as the freezing level lowers. New accumulations of shallow windslab will develop mainly above 850 metres on North-East to South-East aspects these are not expected to be significant. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 29/02/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Strong, Southerly winds accompanied by light to moderate snow showers these were turning to rain at lower levels. The freezing level was at around 600 metres and rising.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New accumulations of weakly bonded windslab is present in all wind sheltered locations. The greatest deposits are on North-West to North-East aspects above 800 metres with gullies and steep corrie headwalls particularly affected. Instabilities still remain in older deposits on steep East and South-East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover of variable hardness above 500 metres, moist snow below 700 metres . Poor visibility throughout the day. Very strong Southerly winds approximately 30mph with stronger gusts.

Comments

Tomorrow, wet snow instabilities may be present until it gets colder.