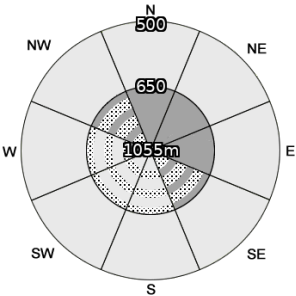


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 29/02/2016 TO 18:00HRS Tue 01/03/2016



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

The warming period will continue overnight before a cold front will cross the area by dawn. South-South-West winds will be strong to gale force veering West and easing slightly to become strong by the end of the period. Overnight the freezing level will rise to above the summits bringing rain to all levels. As the freezing level drops in the early morning moderate showers will fall as snow on the summits, lowering to around 300 - 400 meters by the end of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New accumulations of unstable windslab will develop on North-West through North and East to South - East aspects above 650 metres. Other aspects will be affected due to cross loading with localised instabilities on South to West aspects above 650 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 29/02/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Southerly winds were strong to gale force. Moderate showers with the freezing level rising to around summit level.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New areas of wind slab are present on North-West through East to South-East aspects above 650 metres. Wind exposed aspects and ridges have been scoured with some thawing at lower levels. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Hard patches of snow ice on exposed windward slopes and scoured ridges. Little visibility throughout the day above 700 metres. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.
Comments	Thawing at all levels, colder condition returning by dawn.