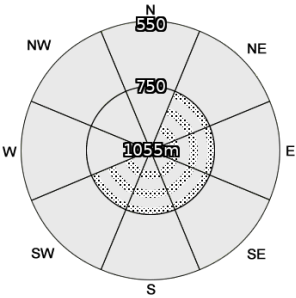


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 04/03/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sat 05/03/2016



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 light snowfall will ease to the occasional wintry shower during the day. The strong, generally Northerly wind will gradually moderate throughout the period. Cloud will persist throughout the day and the freezing level will fluctuate around 400 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised accumulations of moderately well bonded windslab will develop in steep sheltered locations, mainly on South-East to South-West aspects above 750 metres. Additionally, minor weaknesses will persist in the older snowpack on East to South aspects above 800 metres. Elsewhere, the snowpack will continue to consolidate. Cornices will exist mainly above steep slopes on East to South aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 04/03/2016

Observed Weather Influences

After a bright start, a band of wintry showers moved in on a moderate North-Easterly wind, with rain below 500 metres. Cloud base below summit level. The freezing level rose during the day to around 700 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised accumulations of windslab are developing in steep sheltered locations, mainly on South to West aspects above 750 metres. Additionally, minor weaknesses persist in the older snowpack on North-East Through East to South aspects above 800 metres. Elsewhere, the snowpack is consolidating. Drooping cornices exist mainly above steep slopes on East to South aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Breakable crust at most levels, very tiring conditions. Bright in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and light snow afternoon. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling etc.
Comments	Continuing snowfall tomorrow, but amounts are likely to be small. The breakable crust will persist, but less so at higher levels. Summits and summit ridges exposed to the wind will generally be scoured and icy.