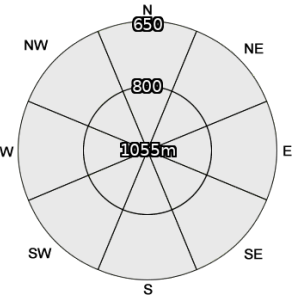


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 19/03/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sun 20/03/2016



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

Some drizzle and light rain is expected during the day, falling as light snow above 800 metres. The freezing level will hover around the summits throughout the period. The gusty Westerly wind will be moderate to fresh in strength during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

During the day, there will be a dusting of fresh snow above 800 metres and localised pockets of fresh windslab will develop in steep sheltered locations mainly on North-East to East aspects. Amounts are not expected to be significant and will be shallow in depth. Elsewhere, the existing snowpack will remain well bonded and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 19/03/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Persistent low cloud in the morning with pulses of drizzle. The cloud base lifted to around 800 metres by midday with a few bright spells. A light Westerly wind strengthened and veered Northerly later.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The patchy snowpack continues to be well bonded and stable at all levels and on all aspects. Most snow remains on North through East to South-East aspects above 700 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Slowly thawing and diminishing snowpack at lower levels, patchy above 800 metres. Cloud base lifted to 800 metres during the day. Winds approx 10mph or less.
Comments	Cooler today as the inversion cloud lifted to summit levels by midday. Similar tomorrow with some light snow at higher levels.