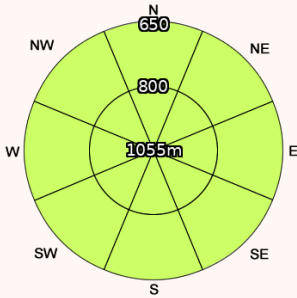


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 22/03/2016 TO 18:00HRS Wed 23/03/2016



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

Winds will be predominantly South-Westerly, light overnight, increasing with gusts to 40 mph by mid afternoon. Dry overnight and in the morning. Snow showers at higher levels in the afternoon. The freezing level will be well above the summits during the night before dropping rapidly to around 800 by dawn.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

By morning the remaining snow will have refrozen and be well bonded and stable on all aspects. Later in the afternoon at the highest elevations small amounts of new snow will accumulate on the existing deposits in locations sheltered from the South Westerly winds. Other aspects and ridges will remain free from snow. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 22/03/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Light rain and low cloud cleared by early afternoon. Winds were light Westerly. Freezing level was around the summits at midday.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Snow cover is much diminished. Greatest accumulations remain high on Easterly aspects. On many Southerly and Westerly aspects cover is restricted to stream beds and gullies. Remaining snow is well bonded and stable on all aspects. In shaded locations it is firm. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, most cover above 800 metres on Easterly aspects. Cloud base was at 700 metres in the morning lifting to above the summits by mid afternoon. Calm conditions.

Comments

There is very little or no snow in many places. At higher elevations the little remaining snow, generally in gullies, stream beds and on scarp slopes is surprisingly hard where sheltered from the sun.