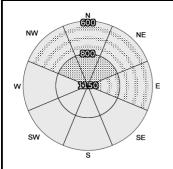
Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 25/03/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sat 26/03/2016



| Hazard Level | Avalanche Probabilty |
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| 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 freezing level will be around 1100 metres dropping to 800 metres at the end of the afternoon. Overnight and through the day precipitation will fall mostly as rain with some sleet at summit level and then snow during mid afternoon. Overnight winds, gale force South-South-Westerly decreasing in strength during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will become moist and soften as temperatures rise but should remain generally well bonded on all but the steepest slopes. In the afternoon accumulations of new windslab will form mainly on North-West to North-Easterly aspects, mostly above 800 metres with sheltered gully exits mostly affected. New, fragile cornices on similar aspects. Elsewhere the moist snowpack will consolidate and remain generally well bonded on all aspects and elevations. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 25/03/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight, a light dusting of new snow above 900 metres. Today was dry with strong West-South-Westerly winds. The freezing level was around 850 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The moist snowpack has consolidated in the cooler temperatures and is generally well bonded on all aspects and elevations. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

| Observed Mountain Travel Conditions | Diminishing snowpack, reasonable firm snow cover above 800 metres. Good visibility. Strong, West-South-Westerly winds above 800 metres. |
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| Comments | Outlook: Further snow during Saturday night with the freezing level at around 700m. Gale force winds will veer W to SW. More occasional snow showers on Sunday with winds easing and becoming |
| | Southerly. |