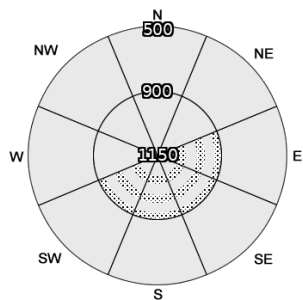


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 15/04/2016 TO 18:00HRS Sat 16/04/2016



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

A cold Northerly airstream will continue to affect the area, tonight the freezing level will lower to 100 metres then rise again during the day to 700 metres. Light snow showers will fall mostly above 500 metres during the first part of the night and again late morning continuing into the afternoon. Fluctuating winds will be fresh to moderate from a North to North-Westerly direction.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow accumulations are not expected to be extensive but new areas of moderately bonded, localised, shallow deposits of windslab will develop in sheltered locations. The greatest accumulations will be on South-East to South-West aspects above 900 metres with sheltered gully exits particularly affected due to cross loading. Elsewhere the snowpack will be firm, stable and icy. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 15/04/2016

Observed Weather Influences

Light snow fell above 500 metres during the day with fresh to moderate North-North-Easterly winds. The freezing level was around 450 metres, summit temperature was minus four degrees celsius.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow accumulations were light, the old snowpack is frozen hard, it is well bonded in all locations and elevations. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Stable, firm, icy snow cover mainly above 700m. Poor visibility above 900m and over the summit this morning, brighter periods later. Fresh NNE winds.

Comments

The snowpack is very firm and icy, these conditions will continue to be present through the week-end.