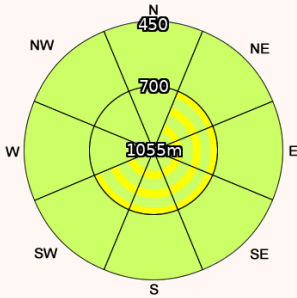


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 17/12/2017 TO 18:00HRS Mon 18/12/2017



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 mainly dry and cloudy day. Milder conditions will return early morning with the freezing level well above the summits and the strong, generally South-West wind will increase to gale force later.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Minor wet snow instabilities will persist within localised areas of deep accumulations of snow, most notably, steep slopes on North-East through South-East to South-West aspects above 700 metres. Elsewhere, the snowpack will continue to consolidate, particularly overnight in the cooler conditions. Remaining cornices will become more stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 17/12/2017

Observed Weather Influences

Very mild with heavy rain and a strong to gale force South-West wind in the morning eased into sunny intervals and scattered showers later. Becoming cooler as the wind veered North-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Persistent rainfall and mild temperatures induced wet snow surface instabilities, particularly overnight and through the morning. Most affected are steep slopes, North-East through South-East to South-West aspects above 650 metres. Single point wet snow releases and cornice collapse were noted. Snowpack stability improved later as cooler conditions returned. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing and wet snowpack, good above 700 metres. A morning of flat light and no definition, clearing later. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

Very wet, very mild and very windy in the morning, but pleasant later. Tiresome walking in soft wet snow. Burns in spate.