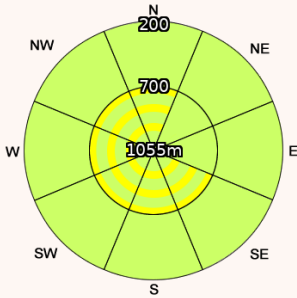


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 30/12/2017 TO 18:00HRS Sun 31/12/2017



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

Some patchy light rain is expected throughout the period, falling as snow above 650 metres. It will remain cloudy with light to moderate variable wind. The freezing level will fluctuate around 700 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Apart from a light covering of fresh snow, little change is expected and the general snowpack will continue to stabilise. Some localised areas of moderately well bonded snow will persist mainly South-East through West to North aspects above 700 metres, particularly notable where it gains depth on steep slopes. The snowpack will thaw at lower levels. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 30/12/2017

Observed Weather Influences

After a cold and bright start, patchy light rain moved in from the South, with snow initially above 500 metres. Winds remained light, veering Southerly later. Milder as the freezing level rose to 700 metres by the afternoon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Although the snowpack is generally stabilising, some localised areas of moderately well bonded windslab exist on South-East through South-West to North aspects above 650 metres, most notably where it gains depth on steep slopes. Most ridges and summits are scoured. Some new cornice growth noted above steep West facing slopes. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wind scoured and bare on some aspects, deep drifts elsewhere. Clear in the morning with poor visibility in clouds and light snow in the afternoon. Winds variable, 10mph or less.

Comments

Still hard going underfoot off the beaten tracks, particularly at lower to mid levels.