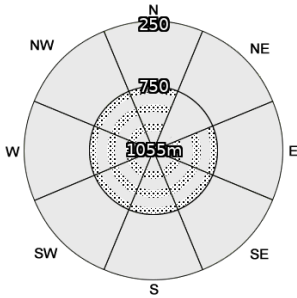


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 01/01/2018 TO 18:00HRS Tue 02/01/2018



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

Light snow showers will die out overnight as the North-West wind eases. Further rain with snow above 600 metres, later 750 metres, will arrive after daybreak, The wind will freshen and back South-East then generally South and the freezing level will peak at 800 metres by the end of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Shallow deposits of fresh windslab will develop in wind sheltered locations, initially East to South aspects, then later North-West to North and mainly above 800 metres. Additionally, minor weaknesses will persist in the snowpack, particularly where it gains depth and extent on steep slopes, South-East, through South-West to North aspects above 750 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 01/01/2018

Observed Weather Influences

After a cold and clear morning, by midday, a rash of showers from the North-West gave patchy light rain and snow above 700 metres. A light East wind freshened and backed North-West and the freezing level rose to around 700 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a general light covering of fresh snow mainly above 700 metres. Minor weaknesses continue to persist in the snowpack, particularly where it gains depth and extent on steep slopes, South-East, through South-West to North aspects above 700 metres. An overnight freeze has produced a breakable surface crust in the snowpack at lower levels. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Breakable crust at lower to mid levels, very tiring conditions. Cold clear conditions in morning, cloudy by afternoon. Winds around 10-15 mph later.

Comments

A cold, clear and sunny morning deteriorated by midday. Difficult breakable crust breaking trail. The mountains are looking very wintry with a general light cover of fresh snow.