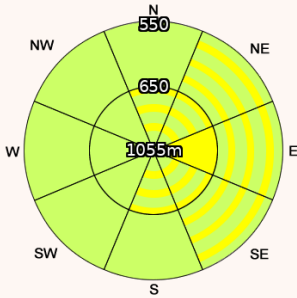


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 16/01/2018 TO 18:00HRS Wed 17/01/2018



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

Strong South-West winds will veer West to North-West and then back West-South-West by tomorrow afternoon. Frequent moderate snow showers will continue. The freezing level will be around 390 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Snow transportation will continue with further wind slab deposits forming mainly above 650 meters on North through East to South aspects. Wind exposed aspects which are mainly South-West to North-West will be largely blown clear of snow. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 16/01/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Scattered snow showers down to all levels. Winds were strong West-South-West. Freezing level around 300 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh accumulations of wind slab deposits have formed on North through East to South aspects mainly above 650 metres. These are quite localised and mainly on sheltered gully tops, scarp slopes and coire rims. Wind exposed ridges and ribs are blown clear of soft snow exposing a breakable surface crust in some areas. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover at all levels - some exposed ridges scoured Variable but mainly poor visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds very strong with gusts taking us off our feet at times.

Comments

Very wintry with snow at all levels.