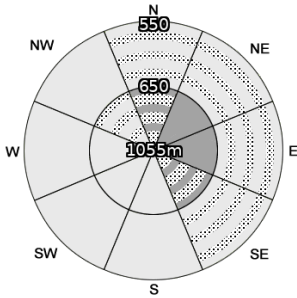


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 19/01/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sat 20/01/2018



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

Snow showers, often heavy, will continue throughout the period, although easing through the day. Remaining cold, with the freezing level around 250 metres, rising to 350 metres by the end of the day. The fresh, generally South-West wind will moderate overnight, veering West-South-West later.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weaknesses will persist at depth within the snowpack and areas of unstable windslab will continue to build in steep sheltered locations, mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above 650 metres. Most notably, gully exits, crag aprons and coire backwalls will be affected. Cornices will continue to develop above steep slopes with similar aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 19/01/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Mainly scattered, but intense wintry showers with bright and sunny spells between and a moderate South-West wind, freshening during showers. Cloud on the summits and the freezing level remained around 250 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of poorly bonded windslab continue to build in sheltered locations, mainly on steep slopes, North through East to South-East aspects above 650 metres. Cornices are developing above steep slopes with similar aspects. Most windward summit ridges and slopes have less snow. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Areas of deep snow at all altitudes - hard going on foot and knee deep in places! Good visibility outwith the snow showers. Winds 10-20 mph fresh and cooling.

Comments

Snow showers will persist over the weekend. Hard going breaking trail. High windchill on the tops.