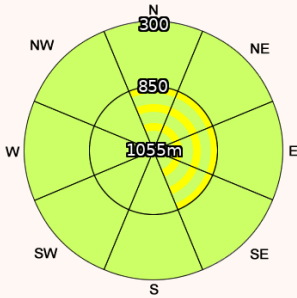


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 22/01/2018 TO 18:00HRS Tue 23/01/2018



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

Remaining mild. Overnight rain at all levels will ease to squally scattered showers through the day, turning wintry above 700 metres later as the freezing level lowers below the summits at the end of the day. Expect a strong to gale force South-West wind with stronger gusts.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Further consolidation of the diminishing snowpack is expected with generally good stability. Localised accumulations of fresh windslab will develop later in steep sheltered areas, North, through East to South-East aspects above 850 metres, but they are not expected to be particularly deep or extensive. Unstable cornices and collapsing icefalls will present a hazard. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 22/01/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Squally showers running on a strong West wind, mostly rain, but sleet and a dusting of snow on the highest summits. Mild, with the freezing level around summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A much depleted snow cover due to a rapid thaw with significant snow loss. Generally the snowpack continues to consolidate. Localised accumulations of windslab exist in steep sheltered areas at the highest levels, particularly on North, through East to South-East aspects, where minor instabilities also persist in the existing snowpack. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, reasonable above 800 metres. Good visibility outwith the showers. Winds 30-40 mph, progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

Saturated ground and burns in spate at lower levels. The thaw conditions are expected to continue.