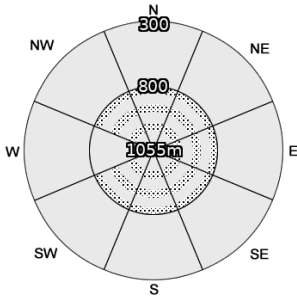


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 25/01/2018 TO 18:00HRS Fri 26/01/2018



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

A cold Northerly airflow overnight will bring light snow showers for a few hours this evening, clearing up by tomorrow. The fresh North winds will veer North-Easterly, ease in strength becoming light South-South-Easterly by tomorrow morning then increase in strength later. The freezing level will lower gradually to around 350 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Overnight windslab deposits will form on steep wind sheltered lee slopes, especially gully tops and coire rims on South-East to South-West aspects above 800 metres. Some accumulations due to cross loading on high North to East aspects will also occur. By mid afternoon there will be further snow re-distribution with deposits developing on North-West to North-East aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 25/01/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Frequent heavy showers falling as snow down to the road side by mid morning. These cleared up a bit by the afternoon. Winds were fresh West-North-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older snow pack has stabilised in the lower temperature and a breakable surface crust has formed in some high areas. There is good snow cover in the corries above 550 metres. Further wind slab instabilities have formed on high North-East to South-East aspects above 850 m. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover above 550 metres - quite hard going on foot. Poor visibility throughout the morning above 600 metres. Winds 30 -45 mph, progress difficult but sheltered in the corries.

Comments

Wintry conditions in the corries.