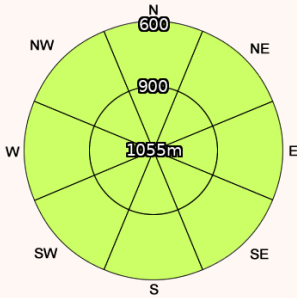


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 27/01/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sun 28/01/2018



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

Scattered showers, with light snow above 700 metres will die out overnight before rain at all levels arrives and continues through the day, as the freezing level rises above the summits by daybreak. The gale force Westerlies will ease overnight, becoming fresh to strong during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The diminishing and wet snowpack will continue to consolidate at all levels and will have generally good stability. However, minor surface snow instabilities will persist on steep slopes, mainly North to East aspects at the highest levels. and remaining cornices and icefalls will be unstable. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 27/01/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Mild, wet and windy with rain above the summits and a gale force Southerly wind. With the passing of a cold front around midday, rain eased into frequent blustery showers and a dusting of snow on the highest summits. The wind strengthened and veered Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A much depleted and wet snowpack, with the main snowline now around 600 metres. The snowpack has generally good stability. Cornice and icefall debris noted in some North-East facing coires. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing and wet snowpack, reasonable cover remains above 800 metres. No visibility throughout the morning above 600 metres. Bright and clear spells later. Winds 30-40mph, progress difficult at times.

Comments

Any fresh snowfall this afternoon and overnight will thaw tomorrow as it again becomes mild and wet. Burns in spate.