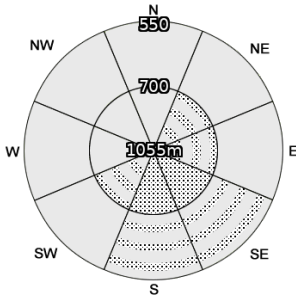


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 01/02/2018 TO 18:00HRS Fri 02/02/2018



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 more settled day is expected as a ridge of high pressure crosses from the west. Wintry showers will persist overnight, with snow above 500 metres, but dying out by daybreak. The gale force Northerlies will gradually ease, becoming light through the day, backing West then South by the end of the period. The freezing level will fluctuate around 600 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Overnight, there will be further accumulations of moderately bonded windslab, mainly on East through South to South-West aspects and mostly above 700 metres. Most affected will be steep sheltered locations, notably, gullies, crag aprons and ridge flanks. Other aspects will be affected due to cross loading. Cornices will continue to develop. Wind exposed areas will remain firm and icy in places. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 01/02/2018

Observed Weather Influences

There were frequent and blustery wintry showers throughout the day, sweeping across the area on a strong to gale force and gusty Northerly wind. The freezing level rose to around 600 metres in the afternoon, with snow lying above 450 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of moderately bonded windslab exists with weak layers of unconsolidated graupel. Most affected are steep wind sheltered locations, mainly East to South aspects above 650 metres, particularly gullies, crag aprons and ridge flanks. Other aspects are also affected due to cross loading. Wind exposed slopes and summits are firm and icy in places. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Little snow below 500m, but with drifting at higher altitudes. A day of flat light and poor definition, particularly during the showers. Winds approximately 10-20mph, but much stronger in exposed areas.

Comments

Reasonable walking conditions with the old snowpack generally weight bearing. Many wind blasted exposed ridges and summits.