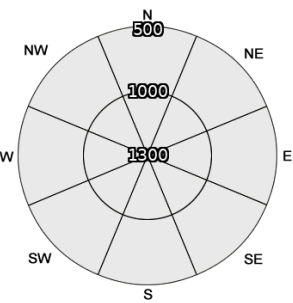


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 24/02/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sun 25/02/2018



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

Dry conditions will continue with sunny spells during the day. The freezing level will rise to above the summits overnight before turning cooler through the day with freezing levels falling to 600 metres. Strong South-South-East winds will ease to moderate.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack will remain firm well bonded and stable in all locations. Some localised patches of unstable windslab will remain in steep sheltered locations above 800 metres on Northerly aspects; however these will be shallow and generally avoidable. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 24/02/2018

Observed Weather Influences

A cold day with hazy sunshine. Some drifting on very strong South-South-Easterly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack is firm well bonded and stable in all locations. Some shallow and localised patches of windslab remains in sheltered areas on steep Northerly aspects above 800 metres; although shear failures are evident these amounts are shallow and generally avoidable. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Firm snow - ice on most aspects with serious run out potential. Cold clear conditions with hazy sunshine. Winds approx 50 gusting 80 mph progress very difficult with potential to be taken off your feet.

Comments

Weakness developing beneath shallow windslab accumulations on some steep Northerly facing slopes. These are generally isolated and avoidable; however it shears easily and could potentially knock you off your feet.