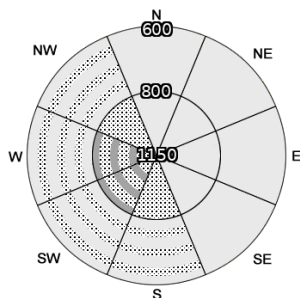


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 27/02/2018 TO 18:00HRS Wed 28/02/2018



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

Light snowfall overnight becoming slightly heavier during daylight hours. Strong East-North-Easterly winds throughout, strongest during the day. Bitterly cold, freezing at all levels and minus 10 degrees centigrade air temperature forecast for 930 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snowfall combined with persistent drifting will form localised areas of poorly bonded windslab in wind sheltered locations on South-West and West aspects above 800 metres. Moderately bonded deposits will be present below this altitude and on South and North-West aspects. Stability will be especially poor in steeper locations such as around corrie rims, in steep burn lines and gully exits. Fragile cornices will form above these aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 27/02/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight snow showers continued intermittently through the day. Bitterly cold with minus 7 degrees centigrade recorded at 930 metres at midday. Fresh increasing to strong generally East-North-Easterly winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snow has a strong, very firm crust with new snow amounts being generally superficial. In wind sheltered locations only, constantly drifting deposits are forming moderate to poorly bonded windslab on mainly South-West and West aspects above 800 metres but also occasionally on South and North-West aspects. These accumulations are localised in distribution but have acquired significant depth. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Firm snow-ice on most aspects. Variable cloud, lowering during showers. Winds 20-30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts. Extremely cold!

Comments

Seriously cold conditions forecast - be well prepared with extra clothing and have the ability to cover all exposed skin. Windward slopes remain very firm and icy.