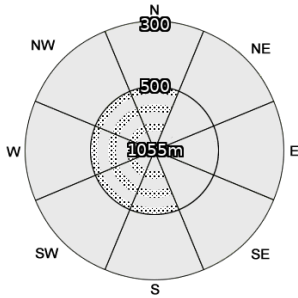


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 02/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sat 03/03/2018



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

The cold Easterly airflow will continue, but winds will gradually decrease from gale force overnight, to fresh by the end of the day. Remaining cloudy with an odd light snow shower possible Freezing at all levels initially, rising to around 100 metres in the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected. Pockets of unstable windslab will persist, becoming more extensive on inland mountains. Most affected will be steep sheltered locations, notably gullies, scarp slopes and convexities, South through West to North aspects above 500 metres. Cornices will continue to develop above steep lee slopes on same aspects. The old snowpack will remain firm and icy in places on exposed terrain. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 02/03/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Cold, with frequent snow showers and bright sunny spells. A strong Easterly wind persisted throughout the day and the freezing level peaked at around 100 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of unstable windslab has continued to develop in wind sheltered locations, mainly on more inland mountains with isolated pockets of windslab on coastal mountains. Most affected are steep slopes, South-West to North-West aspects above 500 metres, with cross loading affecting South and North aspects. Fragile cornices are developing above steep lee slopes on same aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow drifts developing - some exposed ridges scoured. Good visibility generally, poor during the snow showers. Winds a steady 20-30mph.

Comments

Largely dry and cold in the main Torridon mountains, most snow showers tracked further North. Ground remains frozen. Extensive neve with the old snowpack.