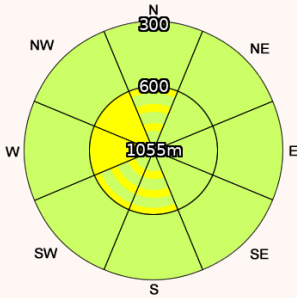


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 07/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Thu 08/03/2018



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

A generally cloudy day is expected with light snowfall throughout the period, above 300 metres initially, rising to around 500 metres later as it warms during the day. The moderate East-South-East wind will gradually veer South through the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Most of the snowpack remains firm and stable, particularly on exposed terrain. However, moderately bonded windslab will persist mainly on South-West to North-West aspects above 600 metres. Most affected will be steep slopes where the windslab gains depth and extent, notably gullies, scarp slopes and crag aprons. Other aspects will be affected due to cross loading. Fragile cornices will exist above steep slopes with similar aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 07/03/2018

Observed Weather Influences

A dry, bright day, partly cloudy with good sunny spells. Cloud thickened later from the South. Feeling milder today, with a light South-East wind and the freezing level around 600 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a significant overall covering of fresh snow above 300 metres, thawing later at lower elevations. Localised areas of moderately bonded windslab exist in previously wind sheltered locations, mainly South-West to North-West aspects above 600 metres. Cross loading has also affected some South and North aspects. Fragile cornices observed. The extensive old snowpack remains firm and stable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Slowly thawing snowpack at lower elevations, good above 500 metres. Good visibility. Winds approximately 10mph or less.

Comments

Conditions remain good underfoot. Most deeper snowdrifts are avoidable.