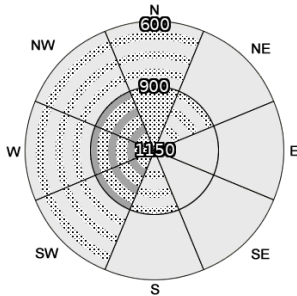


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 09/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sat 10/03/2018



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

Very light snow showers will arrive during the early hours, continuing throughout the day. These will turn increasingly to rain at lower levels as the air temperature steadily rises to reach zero degrees centigrade at 900 metres by the end of the period. The strong Easterly winds will increase to become gale force during the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Redistributed deposits will form fresh windslab on South-West to North-West aspects with poorly bonded accumulations present in wind sheltered locations above 900 metres. Moderately well bonded snow will be present below this altitude and on N and South aspects. Later in the day, cornices at lower elevations will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 09/03/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Light snow showers overnight and first thing this morning. Initially strong Westerly winds decreased to moderate by mid-afternoon. Freezing level around 700 metres. Very cloudy at first but strong sunlight during the afternoon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised areas of poorly bonded windslab persist in steeper wind sheltered locations on South-West to North-West aspects above 900 metres. Moderately well bonded snow is present on North and South aspects. Shallow areas of fresh windslab were starting to form on North-East to South-East aspects above 900 metres.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good general cover, some scoured areas. Very poor visibility initially, becoming excellent. Winds approx 10-20 mph by the afternoon.

Comments

Cornices and wind lips present a hazard during periods of very poor visibility and strong winds. If possible, keep an eye on the rising air temperature on Saturday.