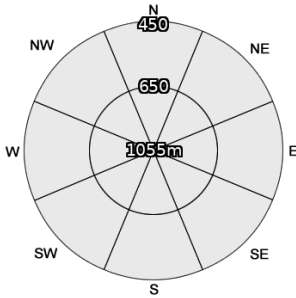


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 13/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Wed 14/03/2018



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

It will be a largely dry and cloudy day. Moderate Southerly winds will strengthen overnight, backing East-South-East and increasing to gale force at summit level by the end of the day. It will also become milder through the day as the freezing level rises to the summits by late afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected with the snowpack continuing to display generally good stability on all aspects and elevations. There will be a slow thaw at most levels by the end of the period with possible minor surface instabilities developing later particularly on Southerly aspects. Some fragile cornices will persist and there will remain a risk of falling ice. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 13/03/2018

Observed Weather Influences

A mild day with cloud clinging to the hills and some good sunny spells particularly early on. Ponderous slow moving showers developing by midday, some heavy and wintry on the summits. Light to moderate Southerly winds and freezing around 850 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a light covering of fresh overnight snow above 700 metres. The snowpack is generally well consolidated on all aspects and elevations. A slow thaw continues below 850 metres with some minor surface instabilities developing on sun exposed slopes. The snowline is patchy at 500 metres, but remains good above 650 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack at lower elevations, good above 650 metres. Cloudy around the tops with some bright spells. Generally light South winds, 10mph or less.

Comments

Spring-like conditions persisting. Soft and wet snow at lower elevations, but firmer on summits.