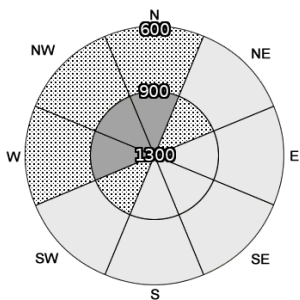


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 15/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Fri 16/03/2018



| Hazard Level | Avalanche Probability |
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| 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

Storm force South-Easterly winds will continue throughout the forecast period with persistent snowfall, down to 200 metres or so by the end of the day. Freezing level around 600 to 400m.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will continue to develop, becoming more widespread on Westerly to Northerly aspects mainly above 900 metres with cross loading onto other aspects. Areas most affected will be around coire rims, gully tops and crag aprons. Cornices here will be prone to collapse. Some instabilities will persist at depth on these aspects above 1000 metres. Below 900m stability will be generally good with localised moderately bonded accumulations. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 15/03/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Storm force South-Easterly winds, summits gusts 113mph, increasing amounts of light snow with drifting. Freezing level around 700 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is becoming firm in the cooler temperatures and and is generally well bonded and stable in most areas. Some localised accumulations of moderately well bonded windslab are beginning to develop on wind sheltered West to North aspects mostly above 900 metres. There are insignificant amounts below this level. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

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| Observed Mountain Travel Conditions | Firm snow - ice on most aspects, crusty below 900m. Blizzard and whiteout conditions presenting challenging and serious conditions. Winds approx 75 mph and above. |
| Comments | Very challenging weather conditions continue |