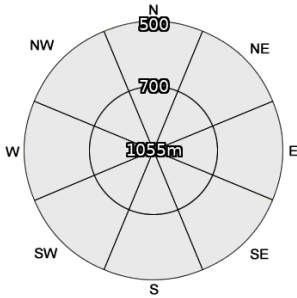


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 16/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sat 17/03/2018



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

Becoming much colder overnight as the freezing level lowers to around 200 metres by daybreak with an air temperature of -7C at summit levels during the day. The gale force Easterlies will ease through the period, becoming a fresh to strong East-South-Easterly. A dry day is expected, with broken cloud and sunny spells.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The generally patchy snowpack will remain well consolidated and stable throughout. At lower levels, a surface crust will develop, and the snow remaining much firmer at higher elevations. Reasonable snow cover exists above 700 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 16/03/2018

Observed Weather Influences

A windy and largely dry day with sunny spells and broken cloud, mainly above the summits. The gale force Easterly airflow persisted and the freezing level hovered around 700 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change in the snowpack; it remains stable throughout. The thaw continues at lower levels where it is very patchy below 600 metres. Much firmer snow above 700 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack at lower elevations, good above 700 metres. Good visibility. Winds 20-30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

High windchill expected tomorrow. Very firm snowpack at higher elevations, some breakable crust at lower levels.