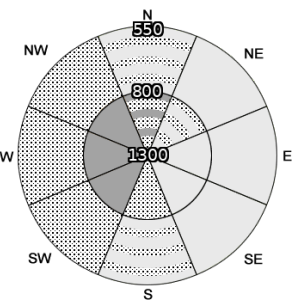


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 17/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Sun 18/03/2018



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

Continuing to be very cold with frequent light snow showers at all levels. Easterly winds will ease to strong. The freezing level will rise to 200 metres during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poorly bonded windslab on South-West through West to Northerly aspects mainly above 800m with cross loading onto other aspects. Areas most affected will be around coire rims, gully tops an crag aprons. Cornices will be unstable and prone to collapse. Some instabilities persisting at depth on these aspects above 1000m. Below 800m and above 550m localised moderately bonded windslab will be present on steep banks. Elsewhere stability will be good. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 17/03/2018

Observed Weather Influences

Very cold with snow showers between spells of sunshine. Winds were gale force South-Easterly. Minus 10 degrees celsius on the summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Drifting snow above 550 metres. Unstable windslab continues to develop on Westerly to Northerly aspects mainly above 800 metres with cross loading onto other aspects. Areas most affected are around coire rims, gully tops an crag aprons. Cornices are unstable and prone to collapse. Some instabilities persist at depth on these aspects above 1000 metres. Below 800 metres localised moderately bonded windslab has developed on steep sheltered banks and confines. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Deep firm drifts developing in lee areas, firm snow - ice on exposed slopes. A mix of blizzard and whiteout conditions during showers with clear sunny spells between. Winds approx 75 gusting 90 to 100 over the tops, serious and challenging conditions.
Comments	Winds easing a little on Sunday, continuing to be very cold.