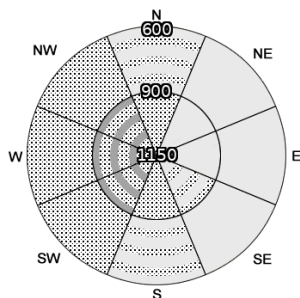


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 19/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Tue 20/03/2018



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

No precipitation has been forecast. Strong overnight Northerly winds will ease and back to become moderate Westerly by the end of the forecast period. 300 metre freezing level overnight, rising to around 600 metres during the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poorly bonded windslab will be encountered in the deeper recent accumulations that exist in steep, wind sheltered locations on South-West to North-West aspects above 900 metres. Moderately well bonded deposits will be present below this altitude and on North and South aspects and localised South-East aspects. Easterly aspects and exposed locations will remain wind scoured and very icy. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 19/03/2018

Observed Weather Influences

A dry, bright and sunny day with strong North-North-Easterly winds. Bitterly cold with -5.9 degrees centigrade recorded at 930 metres at midday.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The cold, dry, multi-layered snowpack remains poorly bonded on South-West to North-West aspects above 800 metres. Large cornices are present. Moderately well bonded accumulations are located on these aspects below 800 metres and on North and South aspects. Some limited redistribution of deposits was occurring on South-South-East to South-West aspects. Easterly aspects and exposed locations are wind scoured and very icy. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover: Icy in places, drifts in lee locations. Cold, clear conditions. 25-35mph wind, severe wind chill.

Comments

Extremely icy conditions underfoot in places. Severe wind chill effect today. Large cornices present. Extensive ski touring options available.