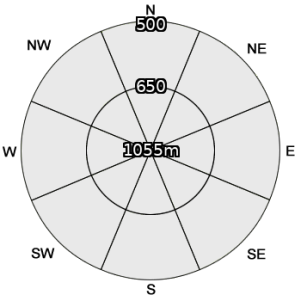


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 22/03/2018 TO 18:00HRS Fri 23/03/2018



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

Colder conditions will become established as the freezing level lowers to around 600 metres by daybreak, with periods of rain, sleet and snow settling above 600 metres throughout the day, turning showery later. The strong Southerly wind will ease overnight, veering and becoming a fresh West-North-West during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The general snowpack will remain well consolidated, firm and stable throughout, refreezing above 600 metres. Through the day, localised areas of fresh windslab will develop in wind sheltered Easterly aspect locations, mainly above 600 metres, but amounts will not be significant. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 22/03/2018

Observed Weather Influences

A largely dry, cloudy and mild morning, becoming colder in the afternoon, with rain, sleet and summit snow arriving later. A strong and generally Southerly airflow persisted throughout the day. The freezing level gradually lowered to around 900 metres by the afternoon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Significant snow loss noted, particularly at lower elevations. Little change in the snowpack with it remaining well consolidated, generally firm and stable throughout. Thawing at all levels initially, freezing later on the summits as colder conditions arrived. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Depleted snowpack, but good above 650 metres. Poor visibility throughout most of the day above 650 metres. Winds approximately 10-20mph fresh and cooling.
Comments	Expect colder conditions for the next few days with periods of snowfall at higher elevations although snow amounts will be small.