

Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 02/04/2018 TO 18:00HRS Tue 03/04/2018



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

Strong gale force East-North-East winds will weaken slightly becoming strong North-East by tomorrow morning then become Fresh by the end of the period. Frequent moderate snow showers are forecast. The freezing level will hover around 400 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh areas of unstable windslab will build on South through West to North-East aspects above 650 metres. These will gain depth especially on high wind sheltered coire rims, scarp slopes and gully tops. Wind exposed Easterly aspects will become scoured. The older snow pack will be firm and frozen. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 02/04/2018

Observed Weather Influences

A cold and dry day with strong East winds. Freezing level was around 400 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow pack has remained firm and frozen with small isolated areas of wind slab persisting on high South-East to North-West aspects above 750 metres. These pockets of windslab are generally well bonded to the older snow pack. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Firm snow - ice on most aspects. Variable visibility with occasional bright periods in the morning with poorer visibility in the afternoon. Winds 30-40 mph, progress difficult on higher ground but at lower levels there were good travel conditions but for occasional ice patches on paths.

Comments

Records show that its more likely to snow at Easter than at Christmas!