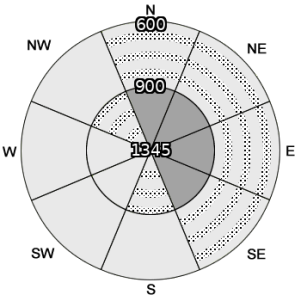


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 14/03/2019 TO 18:00HRS Fri 15/03/2019



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 South-West veering Westerly winds. Snow showers throughout, heaviest overnight. Freezing level around 800 metres overnight dropping to around 600 metres during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh unstable windslab will develop in addition to the existing accumulations. Mainly on steep North through East to South-East aspects above 900 metres where avalanches are likely. As the freezing level falls during the day, lower elevations will also start to be affected with localised accumulations. Fragile cornices will form above these aspects. Slopes exposed to the strong winds will generally be scoured and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 14/03/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Strong Westerly winds and snow showers. Freezing level around 850 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh, moderate to poorly bonded windslab is present mainly on steep North through East to South-East aspects above 1000 metres. On the same aspects, stability in the older snowpack has improved but some instabilities remain, especially in deeper deposits and accumulations at higher elevations. Fragile cornices are present above these aspects. Slopes exposed to the strong winds are generally scoured and stable. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	No snow below 600m but with heavy drifting at higher altitudes. Whiteout conditions with poor visibility at higher levels. Winds 30 - 40 mph, progress difficult and tiring.
Comments	Wintery conditions continue through the weekend.