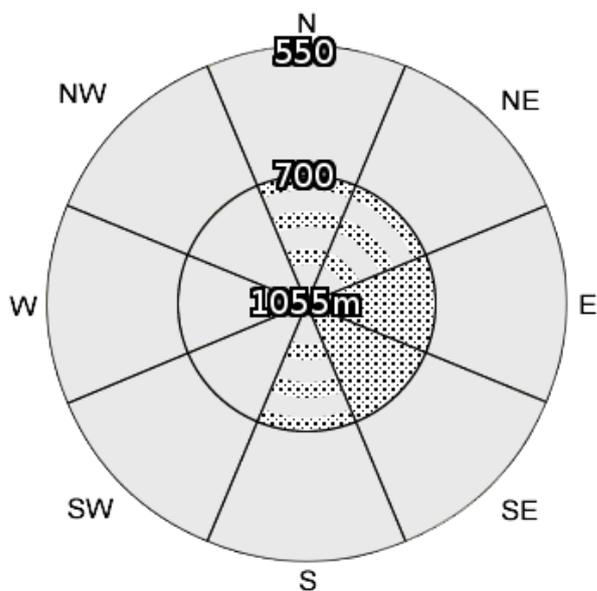


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 15/03/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sat 16/03/2019



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

The very strong Westerly winds will gradually ease overnight as will the wintry showers. By daybreak, a light Southerly breeze will back North through the day becoming light to moderate and light wintry showers will develop by mid morning, with fresh snow lying above 400 metres. The freezing level will hover around 450 metres throughout the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of moderately well bonded windslab will persist throughout the period, mainly on steep North-East to South-East aspects above 700 metres. Most affected will be wind sheltered summit slopes, gully exits, coire rims and ridge flanks. Steep wind sheltered North and South aspects also affected due to cross loading. Exposed windward areas will remain scoured and icy at higher elevations. Cornices developing. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 15/03/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Fast moving and frequent heavy wintry showers accompanied by very strong Westerly winds, severe gale to storm force on the summits, particularly during the showers. Sunny spells between the showers. Freezing level around 650 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Significant snow transportation with areas of moderately bonded windslab accumulating on steep sheltered lee slopes, primarily North-East to South-East aspects above 700 metres. Steep sheltered North and South aspects also affected due to cross loading. Exposed windward areas are scoured and icy at higher elevations. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

No snow below 500m but with heavy drifting at higher altitudes. Good visibility outwith heavy showers. Winds 30-40 mph, gusting much stronger, progress difficult at times, high windchill.

Comments

Remaining unsettled over the weekend, but with lighter winds and less heavy wintry showers. Milder into next week.