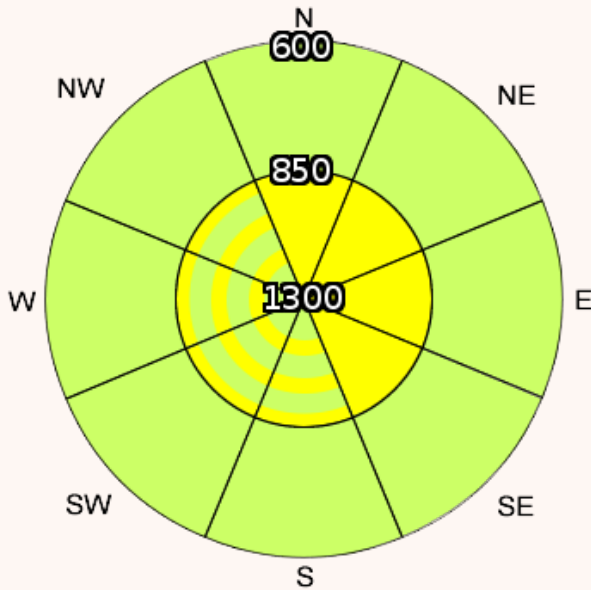


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 15/03/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sat 16/03/2019



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

A mostly dry night before the arrival of light snow showers during the morning. These will be heavier through the afternoon. Strong Westerly winds will ease through the night. through the day light South winds will back towards the North and increase light to moderate. The freezing level will be around 500 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will continue to develop overnight on Northerly through East to South-East aspects above 850 metres. Areas most affected will be in steep sheltered areas such as convexities, coire rims, crag aprons and gully exits and flanks. Unstable cornices will overhang these areas. During the afternoon windslab will begin to develop on South to Westerly aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 15/03/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Snow showers above 600 metres on strong Westerly winds. The freezing level was around 700 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of windslab continue to develop on Northerly through East to South-East aspects mainly above 900 metres. Greatest instabilities are in steep locations such as around coire rims, crag aprons, gully tops, flanks and steep rollovers. Localised deposits of windslab have developed in lee areas on North-West and South aspects. Cornices are unstable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow cover, hard going on foot, breakable crust in place, exposed ridges clear of snow. Poor visibility at corrie level during the snow showers. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous at times.

Comments

A less windy day expected for Saturday.