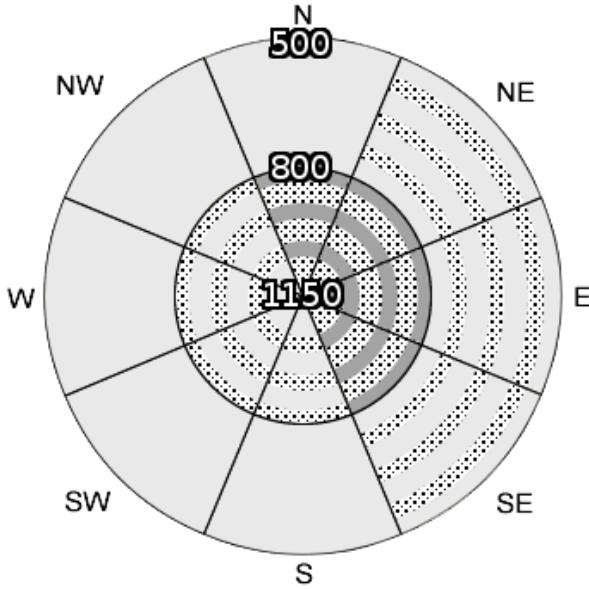


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 15/03/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sat 16/03/2019



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

Showers will continue throughout the forecast period. Westerly winds will back to the South, ease and become variable in direction. The freezing level will be around 500 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Overnight unstable windslab will continue to be deposited on mainly North through East to South-East aspects above 800 metres. Through the day, additional shallow deposits are expected to be deposited on other aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 15/03/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Through the day it was colder with a freezing level of around 600 metres. Precipitation falling as snow above 400 metres. Strong winds were from the West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing snowpack has consolidated and stabilised in the colder conditions. Through the day fresh areas of moderately bonded windslab were being deposited in sheltered locations above 700 metres. Most affected were North-East to South-East aspects. However, these fresh deposits tended to be shallow and not extensive. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Breakable crust making for hard going when walking in snow above 700 metres. Poor visibility in clouds and snow showers, reasonable visibility at other times. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult at times.

Comments

Staying cold over the weekend and into next week, perhaps turning milder after that.