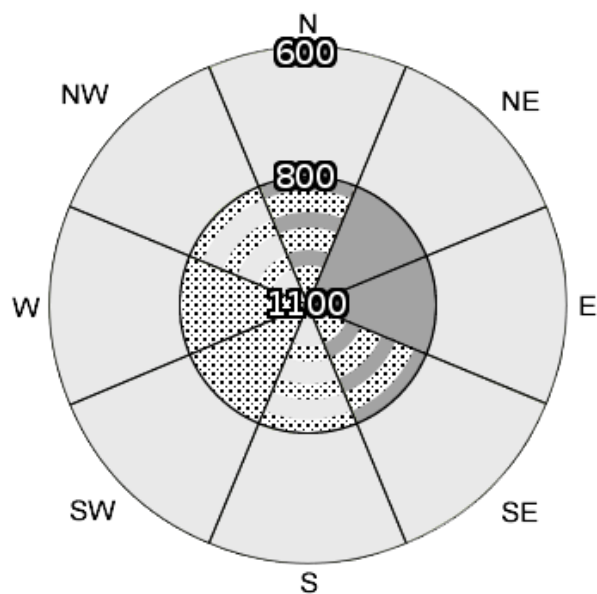


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 15/03/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sat 16/03/2019



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

Snow showers and strong Westerly winds easing overnight. Further snow showers beginning during the morning on much lighter Easterly then North Easterly, later Northerly winds. Remaining cold.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poor stability overnight and weak windslab will be present on all steep North through East to South-East aspects above 800m. New, soft windslab will develop during the day on very steep North-West through West to Southerly aspects above 900m which will be only moderately bonded wherever it gains depth. Recent and all newly formed cornices will be weak and prone to spontaneous collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 15/03/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Frequent and persistent snow showers on strong Westerly winds. Colder during the day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weak windslab formed quickly and gained depth on all very steep North to South East aspects above 850m. Stability is poor in these locations and continues to decline at the time of reporting. New cornices building over steepest lee slopes and gullies. Better stability on wind exposed aspects which are characterised by an exposed soft crust above 750m. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

No snow below 650m but with drifting at higher altitudes. Whiteout conditions with poor visibility at all levels. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring, blowing us over on occasions

Comments

Grim conditions up Meggie on Friday.