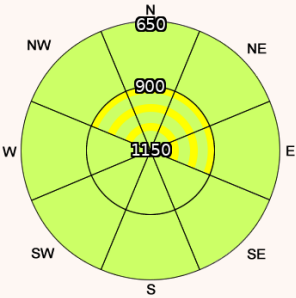


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 21/03/2019 TO 18:00HRS Fri 22/03/2019



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

Overnight, some light rain and strong Southerly winds. During the day, freezing levels slowly falling to around 700 metres by late afternoon. The winds will still be strong but more South-Westerly. Precipitation will be rain at first followed by sleet then snow over the summits.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow amounts are not expected to be extensive but the greatest accumulations will mostly be on North to East aspects above 900 metres. The older moist snowpack will start to re-freeze and consolidate. On North to East aspects some localised shallow deposits of new windslab will develop. Sheltered gullies their exit flanks and scarp slopes particularly affected. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 21/03/2019

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level has remained well above the summits. Moderate to fresh South-Westerly winds with a little light rain followed by drizzle at times.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is thawing and consolidating at all elevations. Wet snow instabilities persist in deeper snow accumulations. These are mainly on North to East aspects above 900 metres with some localised accumulations on other aspects. Remaining cornices are fragile and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow lying mainly above 650 metres, deeper, wet accumulations at high elevations. Cloudy morning with poor visibility and light rain showers, brighter in the afternoon. South-Westerly winds approx 20 mph.

Comments

Colder conditions are forecast through the week-end accompanied by very strong winds.