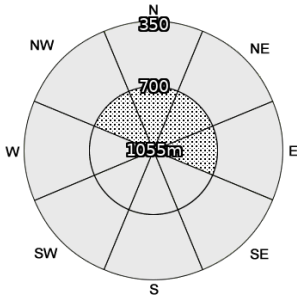


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 15/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Mon 16/12/2019



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 strong South-West winds will ease overnight, backing to become a moderate South-Easterly by daylight. Scattered wintry showers will continue through the period, with more prolonged snow due by late morning. snow settling above 500 metres initially, 700 metres later as the freezing level rises to around 800 metres by the end of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Small areas and pockets of fresh, moderately bonded windslab will continue to build throughout the period in steep sheltered locations. Most affected will be tops of gullies, around summit coire rims and ridge flanks, North to East aspects above 700 metres initially, West to North aspects through the day. Otherwise, the general snowpack will remain shallow and thaw at lower elevations. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 15/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Frequent squally wintry showers, occasionally prolonged, particularly in the morning. Largely cloudy, with brighter breaks between showers. Strong South-West wind. Cold as the freezing level maintained around 400 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Small areas and pockets of fresh moderately bonded windslab are building in sheltered locations. Most affected are steep lee slopes mainly above 700 metres, on North to East aspects, particularly ridge flanks, coire rims and tops of gullies. Otherwise, the general snowpack remains shallow across all aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Breakable crust at lower levels, fresh snow at higher elevations. Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells between wintry showers. Strong gusty winds particularly during showers.

Comments

Breakable crust remains present. Fresh windslab accumulating in steep sheltered lee areas. High windchill.