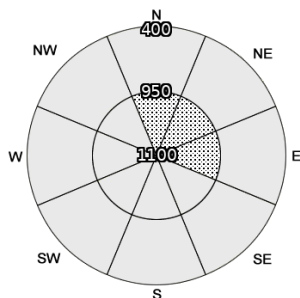


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 20/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sat 21/12/2019



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

Rain turning to sleet and eventually snow overnight above 800m, then largely dry during daylight hours. Strong SW winds easing to moderate later in the day. Freezing level falling from summit level overnight to 800m by mid morning.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wind exposed old snow pack will refreeze and become stable. New windslab will form overnight on very steep and sheltered N to E aspects above 900m. Deeper accumulations will not be extensive and limited to coire rims and gully heads, here windslab will be moderately bonded. Good stability in most other locations later after temperatures fall. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 20/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

Mild throughout with overnight rain. Dry during the day and freezing just above summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

After a period of poorer stability overnight, debris from a few small wet slab and minor full depth avalanches were noted below very steep N to E aspects in Coire Ardair. Some limited wet snow instability persists in these places but a stabilising trend commenced during the day after the onset of dry conditions. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow throughout Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling etc

Comments

Instability in new windslab will be limited to coire rims and gully tops. Good stability in most other locations later after temperatures fall.