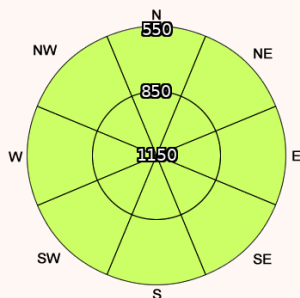


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 21/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Sun 22/12/2019



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

Freezing levels around 1000 metres. Predominately dry through the period however, very light snow/sleet may fall above 800 metres on isolated occasions but accumulations are not expected to be deep or significant. Winds will be fresh at first then easing in the day from a South-Easterly direction, strengthening later.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will continue to consolidate on all aspects above 800 metres and it will remain generally well bonded. Greatest snow amounts are on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 21/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level lowered to around 870 metres during this period. Winds were Southerly and its been generally dry through the day.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack has consolidated above 800 metres where a melt freeze crust has formed in some places. Below this elevation the snowpack is moist and generally stable. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Patchy snow cover below 650 metres. Greatest snow amounts on NW through to Easterly aspects above 850 metres. Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells. Southerly winds approx 10 - 20 mph.

Comments

Looking ahead:- A few scattered showers through Sunday evening, becoming more frequent overnight. These will continue, merging into longer spells of rain/snow through Monday and into Tuesday. Showers heavy at times, perhaps with hail and a risk of the odd thunderstorm. Freezing levels generally sitting around 1000-1200m.