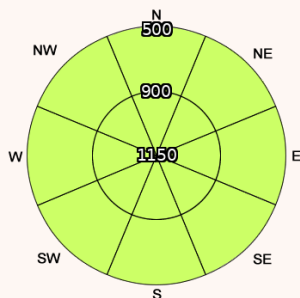


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 08/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 09/01/2020



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, light snow showers falling to around 400 metres with strong South-Westerly winds. It should then be a dry, cold day with winds easing to moderate and backing to the East then North returning to the West by the end of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised instabilities may persist as windslab begins to achieve depth on the old frozen snowpack. Greatest accumulations will be at the tops of sheltered gullies and scarp slopes mainly on North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. Elsewhere, a thin cover of new snow will lie on bare ground and stability will be generally good. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 08/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level lowered to around 650 metres in the early hours of this morning, light snow showers fell mainly above 500 metres. A brighter day than of late, squally winds were strong at times from a South-Westerly direction.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old moist snowpack is frozen and stable. New snow amounts are generally not that extensive mainly a dusting above 500 metres which has mostly fallen onto bare ground. However, localised deposits of shallow windslab was developing on the older frozen snowpack mainly on North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres, these are very isolated and easily avoidable. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Old moist snowpack is refrozen with light accumulations of new snow above 500 metres, icy under foot in places. Reasonable visibility with strong but squally South-Westerly winds.

Comments

Instabilities isolated and avoidable. Thursday should be dry and maybe sunny! with light winds. Then dry and clear overnight into Friday with freezing levels falling to 200-400 metres.