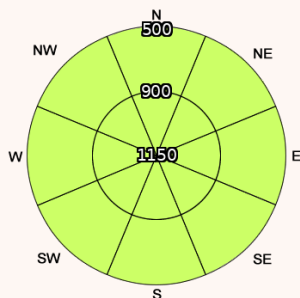


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 09/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 10/01/2020



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

Remaining cold overnight with a frost in the glens the freezing level at around 600 metres rising through the period to 1000 metres. Mostly dry during the day, winds starting out light from the West strengthening through the period becoming South-South-Westerly and reaching gale force by the end of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised instabilities may persist on steeper ground where isolated shallow windslab overlies 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. The snowpack will slowly become moist towards the end of the day but should remain generally well bonded. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 09/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It was a dry, calm day, however, overnight there were a few light snow showers falling above 400 metres. Today, although calm, light South-Easterly were recorded. The freezing level was around 500 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older moist snowpack is frozen and stable. New snow amounts are generally light shallow accumulations above 500 metres which have mostly fallen onto bare ground. Localised insubstantial deposits of windslab are present in sheltered hollows and gullies mainly on North to Easterly aspects above 900 metres, these are 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 mainly above 500 metres, icy under foot in places today some water courses frozen. Good visibility with very light South-Easterly winds.

Comments

Becoming mild again Friday evening, freezing level rising above the summits with rain heavy at times accompanied by Southerly gales at lower levels and severe gales at higher elevations.