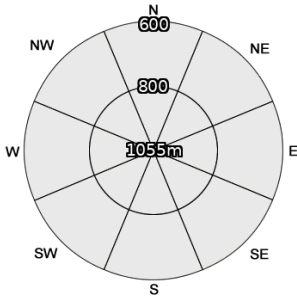


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 10/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 11/01/2020



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

Strengthening Southerly winds will reach storm force at summit levels overnight before easing through the day, veering to a strong West-South-Westerly. Heavy rain at all levels overnight, preceded by snow in the evening and becoming scattered showers through the day, wintry on the summits as the freezing level lowers to 800 metres through the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The generally shallow snowpack will become wet and thaw at all levels overnight. A period of instability is expected at same time where weaknesses exist in pockets of windslab, mainly in steep locations, North to East aspects above 800 metres. Thereafter, the snow will generally consolidate through the day and small accumulations of fresh snow likely on sheltered high North to East aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 10/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A bright and cold morning gradually deteriorated through the afternoon with thickening cloud, rising temperatures and strengthening Southerly winds, becoming very strong at summit level.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow cover is generally shallow throughout with the snowline around 650 metres. However, where pockets of windslab exist in sheltered North to East aspects and mainly above 800 metres, weaknesses are evident, particularly where the windslab gains depth, but these areas are generally avoidable. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

No snow below 650m, shallow snow cover above. Some drifting observed. Good visibility, cloud base above the summits. Winds 20-30 mph, progress difficult at times with stronger gusts.

Comments

Unsettled but cool over the weekend after a short mild and wet period tonight. A little summit snow expected. Windy throughout.