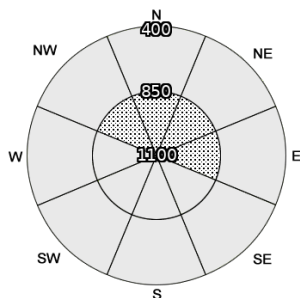


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 12/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Mon 13/01/2020



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

Mainly dry overnight with some light snow showers, particularly towards the end of the day. The Freezing levels will stay below the summits at around 600 to 800 metres. Winds will be very strong South-Westerly, South and South-East with storm force conditions in summit areas developing during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Some new localised snow instabilities will persist where areas of moderately bonded windslab have developed on steepest, sheltered N to E aspects above 850m. Many locations during the day will be affected by the very strong winds and some re-distribution and dissipation of recent accumulations can be expected. Further scouring will also occur on all high windward slopes and ridges. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 12/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Cooler with some fresh snow overnight; heavier showers affected the area from first light. The Freezing levels have been below summits around 500 metres. Winds have been strong West-South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There has been a light cover of new snow at all elevations; in most instances this has fallen on bare ground, although some drifting is now taking place at higher elevations. Here localised instabilities exist as areas of windslab begin to build and achieve depth on steep, mainly, sheltered N to E aspects above 850m. Good stability on West facing slopes and many ridges where scouring of windward exposed areas noted from the strong winds today. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Light snow cover at all levels - some exposed ridges scoured. Clearing with poor visibility in clouds and during snow showers am. Winds 30-40 mph on summits, progress difficult and tiring, blowing us over on occasions.

Comments

Storm force winds in summit areas from mid am Monday.