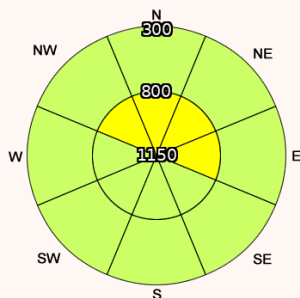


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 13/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Tue 14/01/2020



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, freezing around 400 metres. Snow showers continuing through the period with very strong South-Westerly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New weakly bonded windslab will continue to develop with greatest accumulations forming on steep wind sheltered locations mainly on North-West through North to East aspects above 800 metres. Sheltered areas such as coire headwalls, ridge flanks and gully exits will be particularly affected. Other slope aspects will also be affected due to cross loading. Windward slopes scoured. Cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 13/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

There were a few light snow showers overnight then it was predominately a dry morning with strong Southerly winds. Precipitation started up just after mid-day, the freezing level rose to around 1000 metres and winds strengthened, snow showers fell above 800 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old patchy snowpack is frozen and stable. Strong winds are scouring and redistributing snow into wind sheltered areas forming localised pockets of windslab mainly on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 850 metres. These areas are not extensive at the moment but where deeper accumulations exist they are poorly bonded. Sheltered locations, coire rims, ridge flanks and gully exits are particularly affected. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover mainly above 450 metres deeper accumulations above 800 metres. Winds were very strong Southerly with many slopes scoured. Visibility was good in the morning, poor at times in the snow showers in the afternoon (if you could stand).

Comments

Remaining generally cold with further snow showers these heavy at times falling to lower elevations with very strong winds.