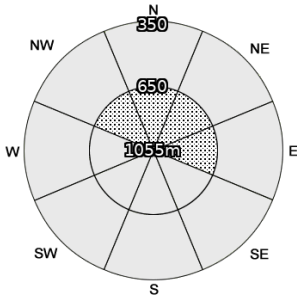


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 14/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 15/01/2020



| Hazard Level | Avalanche Probability |
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| 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

The South-South-West wind will remain at gale force until the morning then become strong South-Westerly. Moderate amounts of precipitation is expected. The Freezing level will be around 500 metres overnight then gradually rising to 850-900 metres tomorrow.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable areas of moderately bonded wind slab are present and will continue to build on to North-West to East aspects above 650 metres. Wind sheltered coire rims, ridge crests and the tops of gullies being especially affected. Cornices will continue to grow. Stability will remain generally good on South-East through to West aspects although some deeper isolated instabilities will form on wind sheltered locations such as stream banks and hollows. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 14/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

There have been storm force South-South-West winds with heavy snow showers. The freezing level was around 350-400 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised areas of wind slab have begun to build on high North-West to East aspects above 650 meters with cornices forming on the same aspects. Some South-West aspects, mainly wind exposed ridges and ridge crests have been scoured. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Some hard snow ice crusts have formed on sparsely covered aspects and is now becoming buried as the snow deepens. Very poor visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Storm force winds.

Comments

Storm Brendan has pushed Northwards with strong winds and hill snow showers continuing.