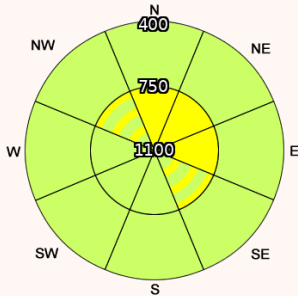


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 14/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 15/01/2020



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 wintry. Snow showers throughout on strong SW winds. Cold but with a slow, progressive rise in freezing level.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weak windslab will become deeper and more widespread mainly on steep North to East aspects above 750m. Some cross-loading expected onto NW and SE facing gullies and ridge flanks of the same altitude. All newly formed cornices will be weak and prone to sudden collapse. Best stability on ridges and most recently wind-exposed locations. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 14/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Frequent overnight snow showers eased during the day. Cold with strong SSW winds throughout.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New weak windslab development only on steep and very sheltered North-West through North to East aspects above 850m. Instability tending to be localised here. Windward slopes heavily scoured but scouring also noted on selected lee slopes above 900m; new cornice development observed above these locations. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

New snow above 450m with drifting at higher altitudes. Cloud base was at 700 metres all day. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

Wintry flavour continues into and throughout Wednesday. Careful reading of the avalanche hazard scale will help interpret the full meaning of this avalanche forecast for Wednesday.