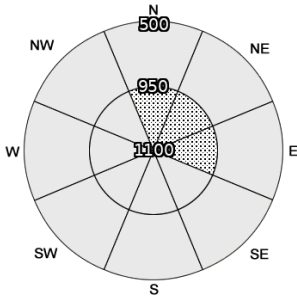


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 15/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 16/01/2020



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

A weakening occluded front will bring further showery conditions. The fluctuating temperatures will result in rain and snow, Freezing level 800 metre overnight will fluctuate around summits. The strong South-West Winds will become South then South -Easterly as the day progresses.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wet snow instabilities will exist where moderately bonded accumulations of windslab have developed and achieved depth at highest elevations; these mainly on steep North to East aspects above 950m. All newly formed cornices above these aspects will be weak and prone to sudden collapse. Good stability at lower elevations, on ridges and most recently wind-exposed locations. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 15/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A very stormy, showery airflow has affected the area throughout. A slowly rising Freezing during the day has now brought thaw conditions at lower elevations. There have been frequent snow showers at summit levels accompanied by very strong SSW winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Many elevated windward slopes are heavily scoured. Above 850m on steep and very sheltered North-West through North to East aspects pockets of moderately bonded windslab exist. Elsewhere the much depleted snowpack, although now wet, is consolidated and stability is generally good. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, isolated areas above 800 metres, widespread scouring Poor visibility in showers throughout the day above 800 metres. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous in summit areas

Comments

Poor mountain conditions persist