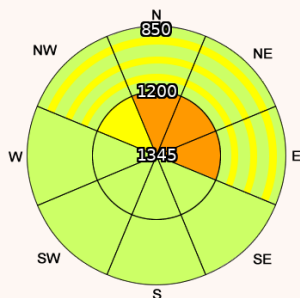


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 16/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 17/01/2020



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

The freezing level is expected to drop to round 600m with some light snow showers. Winds will become South-Westerly and ease, becoming moderate over the summits

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The current moist snowpack, mainly below 1200m, will refreeze as the temperatures drop and become generally stable. At higher elevations, unstable windslab will still persist, mainly on steep North, North-East and East aspects. Some fresh windslab will also start to form on these aspects above 600m. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 16/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Strong Southerly winds with showers, falling as rain on all but the highest summits

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Instabilities are still present above 1200m mainly on steep North, North-East and East aspects. The snowpack has become moist on the surface below 1200m. After a period of instability overnight, stability has gradually improved during today at lower elevations. Wet snow instabilities are present, mainly on steep North, North-East and East aspects below 1200m. Elsewhere the snowpack is gradually consolidating. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Strong Southerly winds and rain at many levels today

Comments

Weather generally improving during the day