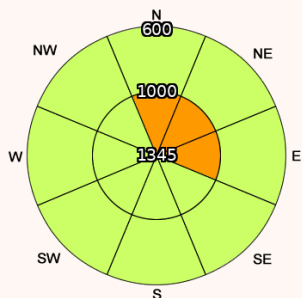


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 17/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 18/01/2020



| 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 freezing level will be at around 600 metres with occasional snow showers. Moderate Westerly winds over the summits.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of unstable windslab will continue to build in sheltered locations. Greatest accumulations will be at the tops of North, North-East and East facing slopes and gullies above 1000m. Any old snow that is exposed to the wind will be frozen and stable. Fragile cornices also forming. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 17/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Moderate to strong South-Westerly winds with showers, falling as snow above 600m.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The colder temperatures today have stabilised much of the existing wet snowpack. Fresh areas of unstable windslab have formed in sheltered locations. Greatest accumulations are at the tops of North, North-East and East aspects above 1000m. Exposed old snow is frozen and generally stable. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Moderate to strong summit winds
Breakable crust underfoot especially at mid altitudes

Comments