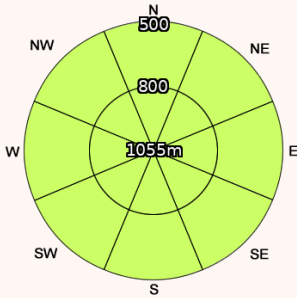


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 19/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Mon 20/01/2020



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

Strong to gale force winds will be generally South-Westerly throughout the period. Some light rain showers are expected, one or two tonight but mainly tomorrow afternoon. The freezing level will rise from 1000 metres to above summit levels.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will thaw and soften at all levels and any overhanging cornices will slump. In the warming conditions the localised area of windslab which are mainly on North through East to Southerly aspects above 800 metres will begin to bond and stabilise. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 19/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a dry day with strong to gale force South-South-West winds. The freezing level rose to summit levels.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack has softened at most levels. There has been some redistribution of snow with some localised areas of windslab instabilities on lee aspects mainly above 800 metres on North through East to South aspects. Some minor windslab instabilities are also present at lower levels on wind sheltered locations such as stream banks and hollows, due to local winds and cross loading. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Better snow cover above 500m - some exposed ridges scoured. Variable cloud on the tops with some bright spells. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

Freezing level rising above the summits tonight, the melt freeze cycle continues.