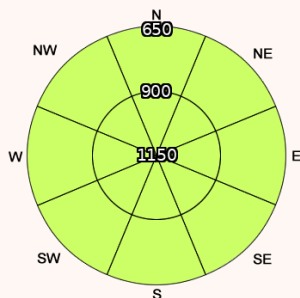


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 23/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 24/01/2020



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

Overnight, the freezing level will be above the summits with light rain or drizzle and strong West-South-Westerly winds. During the day the freezing level will lower to around 850 metres, rising again towards the end of the period. Sleet or a dusting of new snow mainly above 900 metres with strong Westerly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow amounts are not expected to be significant, precipitation will fall mostly as sleet or rain. The old moist snowpack will consolidate and freeze above 850 metres before it starts to slowly thaws again as the freezing level rises above the summits during the afternoon. The snowpack will remain generally well bonded but localised wet snow instabilities will develop again in the afternoon on very steep North through to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 23/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Mild through this period with the freezing level above the Glencoe summits, it was slightly damp with light rain or drizzle on occasions. Winds were fresh from the West-South-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack continues to slowly thaw and consolidate but it remains generally well bonded. However, localised wet snow instabilities persist on steeper North to East aspects above 900 metres. Elsewhere the snowpack is generally well bonded and stable. Remaining cornices are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Moist, patchy snowpack which is thawing at all elevations. Cloudy with poor visibility in mist and drizzle. Fresh to Strong West-South-Westerly winds.

Comments

Friday and Saturday sleet or a dusting of snow above 900 metres then more wintry conditions return.