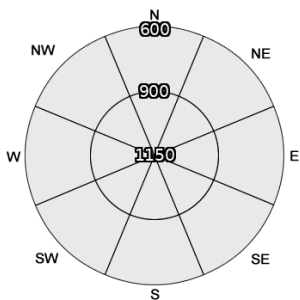


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 23/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 24/01/2020



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

There will be no precipitation during the next 24 hour period. The freezing level will fluctuate, briefly lowering to 1200 metres before rising to nearly 1500 metres during the day. The winds will be variable in speed from fresh to strong and will be generally Westerly in direction.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The remaining patchy snow will be stable and well bonded throughout. Slightly firmer conditions may be encountered at the highest summit level. Largest areas of snow will be found on North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 23/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A dry and bright day with some occasional cloud at summit level. The strong Westerly winds eased to moderate by the afternoon. Freezing level above the summits with plus 3.4 degrees centigrade recorded at midday at 975m.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The remaining snow is stable and well bonded with soft, wet surface layers. Plateau areas are devoid of snow with greatest amounts being present on North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow throughout. Good visibility. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling.

Comments

Watch out for Sunday's weather forecast: 48 hour outlook now suggesting colder weather with some snow.