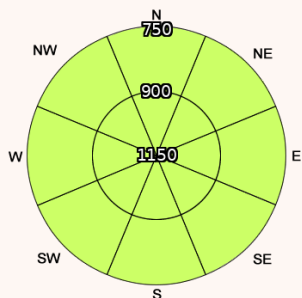


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 24/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 25/01/2020



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 will rise to well above the summits. Light rain or drizzle at times with fresh to strong South-South-Westerly winds.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change to the moist diminishing snowpack which will continue to thaw in these mild conditions. Localised wet snow instabilities may still exist mainly on very steep North to East aspects above 900 metres. Elsewhere the snowpack will be generally stable. Remaining cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 24/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It was marginally cooler today with the freezing just above the summits, it was -0.8 degrees celsius at midday near the summit of Aonach Mor at 1221 metres. The winds were moderate to fresh from a West-South-Westerly direction. It was mostly dry with just the odd light rain shower or drizzle and misty over the summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is generally moist at all elevations and it remains generally well bonded, it is more frozen above 1000 metres. At lower levels it continues to slowly thaw and consolidate. Some very localised wet snow instabilities persist on steeper North to East aspects above 900 metres. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Moist patchy snowpack which is thawing at all elevations but firmer above 1000 metres. Reasonable visibility but poor at times over the summits. Moderate to Fresh West-South-Westerly winds.

Comments

Mainly dry and mild on Saturday evening, freezing level around 1200 metres. A more active band of rain (snow above 1000m falling 800m) on Sunday morning, turning heavy at times, with severe Southerly gales veering South-Westerly and moderating in the afternoon.