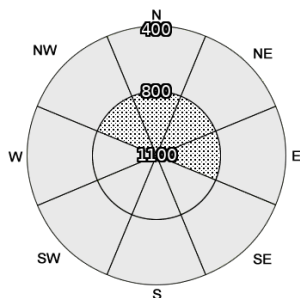


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 27/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Tue 28/01/2020



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

Some further snow showers over the period are expected. The Freezing level will be around 400 to 600 metres. The strong South-Westerly airflow will ease for a period overnight, before strengthening again by first light.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of poorly bonded windslab will continue to build and instabilities will exist where these achieve depth above 800 metres on steep, sheltered North-West through North to Easterly aspects. Some new fragile cornices will begin to build around coires rims of these aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 27/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A cold day with persistent snow showers to all levels with blizzard conditions on summits. The winds have been strong West-South-Westerly

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow instabilities exist. Weakness were noted in localised accumulations of fresh windslab which are forming in high, wind sheltered lee locations, mainly on North-East to Easterly aspects above 800m. Better stability at lower elevations and on windscoured slopes and ridges. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow at all altitudes - very hard going on foot. Knee deep at 600m! Whiteout conditions with poor visibility at summit levels. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring, blowing us over on occasions

Comments

Poor mountain conditions on Monday. Thaw expected of recent snow at valley levels