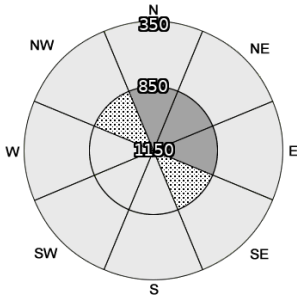


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 29/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 30/01/2020



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

A return to milder conditions will see freezing levels rising above the summits, rain at all levels will be heavy at times overnight and later on Thursday. Winds will generally be South-Westerly strong to severe gale force.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A period of higher instability will occur overnight as the snowpack becomes wet at all levels as rain affects the area. By morning a return to drier conditions will aid snowpack stability but heavy rain later in the day will form wet snow instabilities in gullies and on steeper slopes with a North-West through North to Easterly aspect mainly above 850 metres. Remaining cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 29/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Rain, sleet with snow above 600 metres and strong, mainly South-Westerly winds are affecting the area. The freezing level is around 800 metres and is rising.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New snow at higher levels and strong South-Westerly winds are forming unstable windslab in sheltered locations, greatest accumulations are in sheltered gullies and on steep North to South-Easterly aspects mainly above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Rain and sleet below 600m but with drifting at higher altitudes. Poor visibility throughout much of the day above 600 metres. Winds 20 -30 mph mainly South-Westerly.

Comments

All change again with a return to mild and wet conditions, wet snow instabilities will exist on steeper slopes and cornices will be prone to collapse.