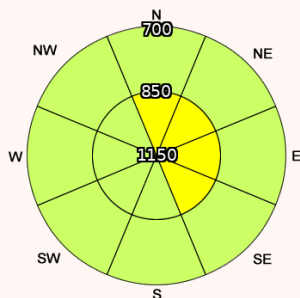


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 30/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 31/01/2020



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

Cooler conditions will give some new snow for a time overnight as freezing levels lower to around 600 metres. By morning the freezing level will be above the summits, Friday will be dry initially with rain at all levels later. Winds will be generally West overnight South-Westerly through the day strong increasing later.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The wet snowpack will start to consolidate with the colder conditions overnight. New snow will form areas of unstable windslab in sheltered summit gullies and on steeper slopes with a North to South-Easterly aspect mainly above 850 metres. New snow amounts are not expected to be great so many of these areas should be avoidable. Rain later in the day will give some wet snow instabilities in similar locations. Cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 30/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Heavy rain at all levels with very strong South-Westerly winds have affected the area. The freezing level is above the summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The mild and wet conditions affecting the area have reduced snow cover particularly at lower levels. Wet snow instabilities exist on steeper slopes where deep accumulations of soft wet snow remain. These areas are mainly sheltered gullies and on Northerly and Easterly slopes above 850 metres. Cornices are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, good above 800 metres. Poor visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph.

Comments

Very wet and windy on Thursday. Cooler conditions overnight with more rain later Friday as temperatures rise again.