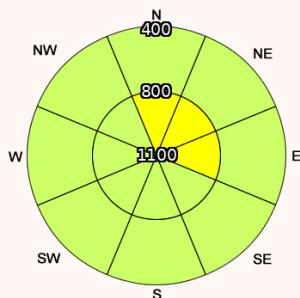


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 30/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 31/01/2020



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

A mixture of further snow then rain over the period with fluctuating Freezing levels; which will lower overnight to around 400 metres, before rising again above summits from first light. The winds will be strong Westerly initially becoming more West-South- West and South-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The cooler temperatures will help to consolidate existing accumulations which will re-freeze overnight above 400m. New wet snow instabilities will develop with the arrival of rain on any new overnight accumulations above 800m; these on mainly North to Easterly aspects. Any recently formed cornices will be fragile and liable to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 30/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a mild and wet day; rain has affected all elevations. The winds have been very strong West-South-West and Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack has become moist at all elevations and wet snow instabilities exist above 800m. Numerous minor, mostly single point release, snow slides with small debris fans were noted below North through to Easterly aspects in steep gullies and around crag aprons. Some residual instability persists where steeply inclined ledges and benches on the Post face retain accumulations. Cornices lines are slumped. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow throughout Cloud base was at 700 metres all day. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

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