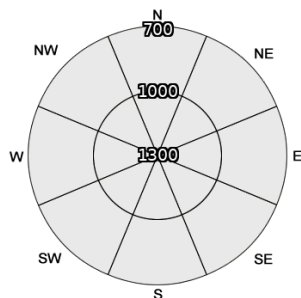


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 31/01/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 01/02/2020



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

Snow showers at summit levels during the night, cooler through the day with heavier snowfall to lower levels during the afternoon. Strong to gale force South-Westerly winds will ease moderate to strong and veer to the North-North-West. Freezing levels will fluctuate around summit levels overnight before steadily falling to 600 metres by the end of the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack will become frozen firm and stable throughout. Initially new windslab will develop on North to East aspects above 1000 metres. As the wind veers windslab will then develop on Easterly to Southerly aspects above 950 metres. Deeper accumulations will be unstable but in general these areas will be mainly shallow and avoidable or lying on bare ground. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 31/01/2020

Observed Weather Influences

A mild day with light rain at all levels on strong to gale force Westerly winds. The 700 metre freezing level quickly rose to well above the summits during the morning.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack remains well bonded and stable throughout. Greatest amounts are on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 950 metres. Most areas elsewhere are clear of snow. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Limited wet snowpack, firm surface layers at higher levels. Good visibility through the afternoon. Winds approx 50 - 60 mph progress very difficult with potential to be taken off your feet.

Comments

Snow showers heaviest and to lower levels during the afternoon.