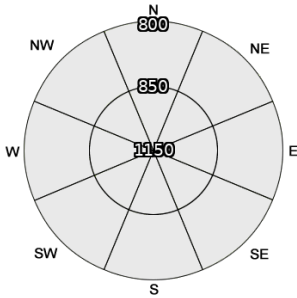


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 01/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 02/02/2020



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

Mostly dry overnight with moderate Southerly winds with the freezing level at around 700 metres. Then snow falling above 600 metres in the morning continuing through the day with strong East-South-Easterly winds, the freezing level slowly rising to 1100 metres by the end of the afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The moist old snowpack will freeze and stabilise. New windslab will form in wind sheltered areas mainly on North-West to North-Easterly aspects above 850 metres. Some of these new deposits are expected to be localised but poorly bonded. Steep wind sheltered locations such as gullies their exits, corrie rims and ridge flanks will be particularly affected. Fragile cornices will form above these aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Low.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 01/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level was above the summits for most of the period. Overnight, heavy rain at all levels this continued until late morning giving way to more scattered rain showers. The winds were fresh from a South-Westerly direction.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Localised wet snow instabilities were present mainly in sheltered gullies and on steeper slopes with a North through East to South-Easterly aspects above 900 metres, gully exits and steep scarp slopes were most affected. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing wet snowpack, better cover above 900 metres. Heavy rain with poor visibility in the morning brighter in the afternoon. South-Westerly winds 10-20 mph.

Comments

The old moist snowpack will become firm and icy. Wet snow instabilities on steeper slopes as rain falls below 900 metres in the late afternoon.