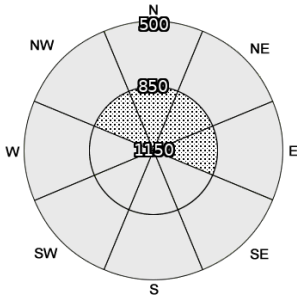


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 07/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 08/02/2020



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

Overnight, the freezing level will remain above the summits with some light snowfall above 900 metres on strong South-Easterly winds. During the day the freezing level will lower to around 500 metres, winds will be strong to gale force from a Southerly direction accompanied by further snow showers through the period.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of poorly bonded windslab will form with greatest accumulations being on sheltered North-West through North to East aspects mainly above 850 metres. Wind sheltered steep locations such as coire rims, gully exits and ridge flanks above 900 metres will be most affected. Cornices above similar aspects will be fragile. The old snow exposed to the winds will be frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 07/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

After a cold night at most levels the freezing level slowly rose to the tops of the higher summits. Dry, sunny weather in the morning, skies quickly became overcast with strengthening South-Easterly winds in the afternoon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is frozen and generally stable at all elevations and on all aspects. The avalanche hazard is Low.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

The morning was fine and bright with good visibility this deteriorated slightly in the afternoon with strengthening South-Easterly winds. All snow cover was frozen today. Shallow, bitty snow cover starts at around 650 better cover above 800 metres which is firm and icy in all locations .

Comments

Blustery wintry conditions for the next couple of days. Storm force winds forecast for Sunday.