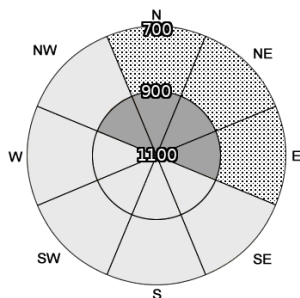


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 08/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 09/02/2020



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

Met office advisory for imminent of storm cycle (Caira); associated snowfall is expected overnight with the showers becoming heavier and more organised, merging into more prolonged periods of heavy snowfall above 400 metres during the day. The Freezing level will rise above summits briefly late in the period. The South -Westerly and Southerly winds will increase widely during Sunday.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Accumulations of weak windslab will form in high sheltered lee locations on mainly North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 750 metres. Storm cycle instabilities will exist and avalanches are likely with a period of poorest instability later in the day; associated with a Freezing level rise and any accompanying rain at 900 meters. Better stability on ridge crests and all wind exposed areas. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 08/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Cool with some light snow showers down to 500 metres overnight. The fresh Southerly winds were picking up during the morning, heralding the imminent arrival of an expected storm cycle and further snowfall.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Small new quantities of fresh snow have thus far not brought any significant change to the current generally sparse snowpack. Small plumes of windblown deposits were noted to be picking up around high coire rims, during the morning, with localised areas of weakly bonded windslab developing above 800 metres, these on North-West through North to Easterly aspects The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Drifted snow above 750m. Wind scoured and bare on aspects Cloud base was at 800 metres all day. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring in summit areas

Comments

Poor mountain conditions expected with arrival of Storm Ciara Sunday