Glencoe

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Avalanche Hazard Forecast

FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 08/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 09/02/2020

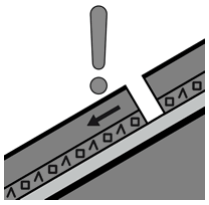
THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE CONSIDERABLE

Avalanche Hazard Forecast for Sunday 09/02/2020

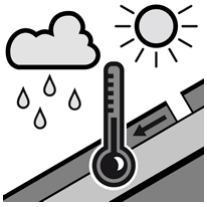
Avalanche Problems



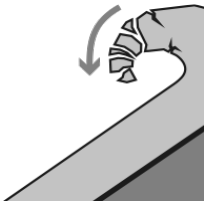
Wind Slab



Persistent Weak Layers



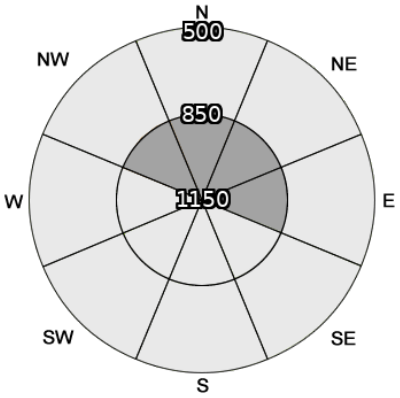
Wet Snow



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

Unstable accumulations of deep windslab will exist in sheltered areas such as gullies and slopes with a North-West through North to South-Easterly aspect mainly above 850 metres. Other areas may be affected by cross loading. Cornices will be fragile and avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.



Forecast Weather Influences

Heavy new snow above 800 metres and strong variable Southerly winds on Saturday evening will affect the area. On Sunday there will be frequent squally and often heavy snow showers affecting lower slopes by the end of the day. Winds will be mainly South-Westerly gale to severe gale with stronger gusts in exposed locations.(Storm Ciara) The freezing level will be around 600 metres for much of the night rising above the tops briefly by morning then lowering to 800 metres through the day.

Comments

Stormy outlook for the next couple of days. The old snowpack where exposed will be very hard, icy and unforgiving with potentially serious run outs onto rocks. Hazard will increase later Saturday as heavy precipitation with snow on higher slopes expected late afternoon.

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