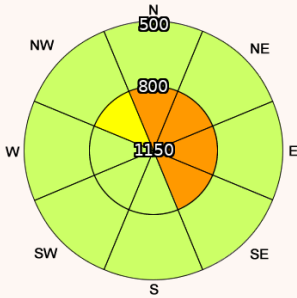


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 09/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Mon 10/02/2020



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

New snow overnight and on Monday and gale to severe gale mainly Westerlies will affect the area. The freezing level will be around 400 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Colder conditions will start to re-freeze much of the existing snowpack. New snow and drifting will form areas of unstable windslab in sheltered gullies and on slopes with a mainly Northerly to South-Easterly aspect above 800 metres, corniced areas, gully exits and steep scarp slopes will be particularly affected, avalanches are likely. Other areas may be affected by cross loading. Cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 09/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Cold and snowy conditions affected the area overnight with strong South-Westerly winds. A brief period of milder conditions with freezing levels above the summits today gave rain and sleet at the highest levels, becoming colder now. Winds have been severe gale to storm force mainly South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab from overnight snow formed in sheltered gullies and on North-West through North to South Easterly slopes mainly above 850 metres, milder conditions with rain this morning gave a period of higher instability particularly on steeper slopes and corniced areas. Cornices fragile. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snowpack at lower levels, good above 800 metres. Challenging and serious conditions. Winds approx 50 - 60 mph mainly from the South-West.

Comments

Visibility today has been very limited but a wet snow avalanche was noted below Crowberry Gully, debris lay at the base of Crowberry Basin and wet slushy/mud debris on rocks below.