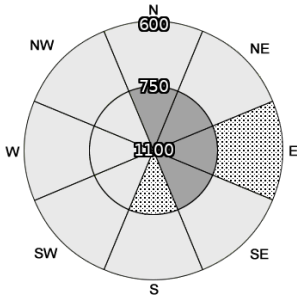


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 11/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 12/02/2020



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

Remaining very wintry. Frequent snow showers right through the forecast period, heaviest overnight Tuesday. Strong W winds easing to moderate during the morning. Becoming colder.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weak windslab will become deeper and more extensive on all steep lee slopes above 750m where avalanches are likely. Most affected will be sheltered N to SE facing gullies, coire rims and ridge flanks. New, weak collapse-prone cornices will overhang most of these locations. Poorest stability expected to be overnight and during the early morning. Better stability on all ridge crests and recently wind-scoured areas. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 11/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Very wintry. Frequent snow showers at all levels carried on strong W winds. Cold.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weak windslab has acquired depth quickly on all lee slopes. More extensive accumulations lie on steep and very sheltered N to E aspects above 750m, many are overhung by new weak cornices. Some cross-loading noted into steep SE-facing incised terrain features. Wind exposed areas are heavily scoured. Large cornice triggered avalanche reported in Raeburns Gully on Tuesday morning. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Hard going on foot. Knee deep drifted snow at 600m! Whiteout conditions with poor visibility at all levels. Winds approx 50 - 60 mph progress very difficult with potential to be taken us off feet

Comments

Wintry yet again overnight and into Wednesday. Deeper, weaker windslab development expected on all steep lee slopes. Heavy scouring will make windward slopes and ridge crests better, safer travel options.