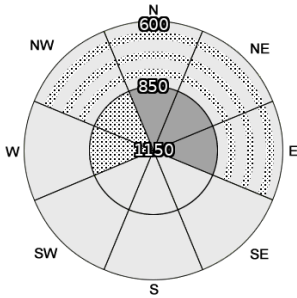


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 13/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 14/02/2020



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

It will remain dry overnight, South-Easterly winds will strengthen to become gale to severe gale by morning when they will veer to the South-West. A period of new snow in the morning will be followed by rain and sleet as freezing levels rise above the summits for a brief period becoming colder with light snow showers later.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will form in sheltered areas such as gullies and on North-West through North to Easterly aspects mainly above 850 metres, rain and sleet later will add additional loading to these areas rendering stability poor where deeper accumulations of windslab exist. Avalanches are likely particularly as temperatures rise and cornices will be prone to collapse. Wet snow instabilities will also exist on lower slopes and gullies of similar aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 13/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Cold and windy conditions affected the area overnight. Calmer and dry conditions today made a fine change from the recent stormy weather that the area has endured. Winds were light to moderate variable. The freezing level today was around 600 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of moderately bonded deep windslab exist in sheltered hollows, gullies and on steeper slopes with a North-East to Easterly aspect mainly above 900 metres. Slopes exposed to the recent strong winds are generally scoured or have a superficial snow cover, in these areas stability is generally good. Cornices are fragile. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

No significant snow below 200m but with drifting at higher altitudes onto Easterly aspects. Calm mainly clear conditions. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph.

Comments

Thursday was a fine day here in Glen Coe but all change tomorrow. Milder conditions are forecast to be short lived with colder and mainly dry conditions returning later in the day.