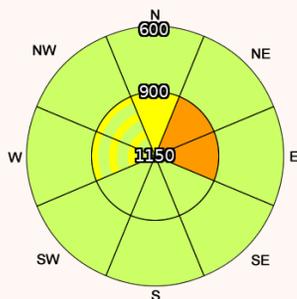


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 14/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 15/02/2020



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

Overnight there will be very light snow showers and the freezing level is expected to be around 700 metres. The freezing level will rise above the summits through the day with a broad band of heavy showers falling as snow initially above 500 metres but turning to rain at all levels later. Winds will be gale to severe gale occasionally storm force generally Southerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Colder conditions overnight will re-freeze much of the snowpack giving an icy surface. Weaknesses will persist within deeper windslab mainly in sheltered gullies and Northerly to Easterly aspects above 900 metres. With further rain additional loading will occur on these areas and cornices will be prone to collapse. In most other areas the snow cover will become soft and moist and will be generally stable with mainly surface wet snow instabilities. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 14/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

New snow initially this morning on higher slopes became rain and sleet at all levels through the day as the freezing level rose above the summits. Winds have been strong South-Westerly. A return to cooler conditions with light snow showers is expected overnight.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wet and mild conditions earlier gave a period of higher general instability. Drier and cooler conditions affecting the area now are assisting the consolidation process in many areas. Where deeper accumulations of windslab exist, mainly sheltered gullies and North-East to South-East aspects mainly above 900 metres stability remains poor. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snowpack at lower levels, moist at height. Poor visibility in clouds and rain but clearing a bit later. Winds 20-30 mph with stronger gusts.

Comments

Very windy, wet for a time tomorrow.