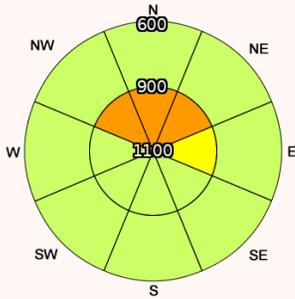


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 14/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 15/02/2020



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

A few light snow showers on strong SW winds then dry and much colder for most of the night. Some more snow showers from dawn turning to rain around noon as the freezing level rises briefly above summits. Very strong S winds becoming SW then SE later.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack will become well stabilised in most locations overnight. New less well bonded windslab will develop during the morning on steep NW through N to NE aspects above 900m. Poorer stability here with onset of rainfall and when the freezing level rises briefly above summits in the early afternoon. Any recently formed cornices will weaken. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 14/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Wet, mild and windy. Brighter, drier around midday then a few late snow showers.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A very brief period of poorer stability on most aspects but only on much steeper ground above 950m. The surface layers of the snowpack are wet or moist but became better stabilised with the onset of cooler, slightly drier conditions towards the middle of the day. A little new thin windslab on N to E aspects above 950m much later. Cornices overhang most very steep N to E aspects above 950m. The avalanche hazard is Moderate

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snowpack Cloud base was at 700 metres all day. Winds 30-40 mph, progress difficult and tiring, blowing us over on occasions

Comments

Peak period of instability anticipated to be from noon to 3pm.