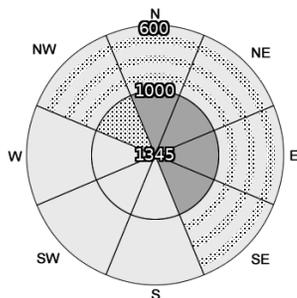


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 14/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 15/02/2020



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

Very strong mainly Southerly winds. The freezing level will be around 700 metres overnight before rising to 1400 metres during the day and then falling to 900 metres by the end of the period. Light snow showers overnight become heavy during the day and turn to rain on all but the highest summits for a time.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Stability will improve overnight in the cooler temperatures. During the day fresh unstable windslab will be deposited mainly on North-West to North-East aspects above 1000 metres with other aspects affected by cross loading. Stability will be poor as the temperature rises when avalanches are likely mainly on North-West through North and East to South-East aspects above 1000 metres. Other aspects will be scoured and generally stable. Fragile cornices! The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 14/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

South-South-East veering South-Westerly winds were very strong. Showers falling as snow only on the higher summits. The freezing level rose to around 1150 metres before dropping again.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weaknesses are persisting in the snowpack mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above 800 metres. There was a period of reduced stability during the milder temperature this morning and recent avalanche debris was observed on a North-East aspect at 1100 metres. Most other aspects are scoured and generally stable. Cornices are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snowpack except at highest elevations. Surprisingly good visibility. Winds approx 30 - 60 mph, progress difficult in gusts.

Comments

Very strong winds for the next few days.