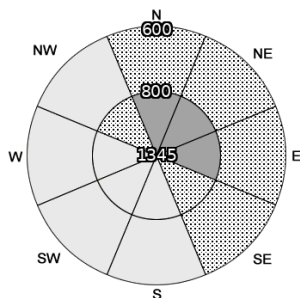


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 15/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 16/02/2020



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 and through the day heavy and prolonged showers will fall as snow above around 600 metres. Strong winds will be from the South-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing snowpack will consolidate in the colder conditions. However, significant areas of fresh unstable windslab will be deposited throughout the period. Most affected will be sheltered North to East aspects above 800 metres where avalanches are likely. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 15/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It was a wet day with almost constant heavy precipitation. Initially this fell as snow at higher levels, but had turned to rain at all levels by midday. Strong winds were from the South.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing and fresh deposits of windslab became increasingly unstable as the freezing level rose and snowpack became saturated. The greatest deposits tended to be found on North to East aspects above 900 metres. Cornices were prone to collapse. Fresh avalanche debris was noted on a Easterly aspect at 1000 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow throughout. Reasonable visibility. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

Another wild day expected expected on Sunday.