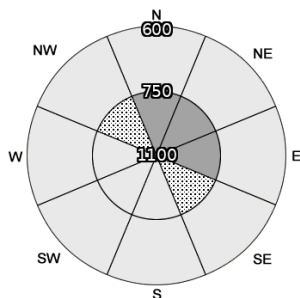


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 15/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 16/02/2020



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

Persistent snow showers on strong SW winds right through the forecast period. Much colder.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The old snowpack will refreeze at most altitudes. New weak windslab will build on all steep N to E aspects above 750m. New accumulations will become much deeper and more widespread in these places by the end of the day. Cross loading expected in steep terrain features on selected SE and NW aspects. New weak cornices will grow above all very steep lee slopes. Much better stability on all wind exposed slopes and ridges. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 15/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Very wet at most levels. Close to freezing near summits. Strong SSW winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is wet at most elevations. Some sleety snow accumulated as moist windslab only on very sheltered NW through N to NE aspects above 1000m. Wet snow instability noted at lower altitudes but only on very steep N to E aspects above 850m. At the time of reporting most cornices are wet and weakening in milder, wet conditions. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snowpack No visibility throughout the day above 800m metres. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

Very wintry on Sunday. Over 26cms of snow for our area in the Met Office forecast.