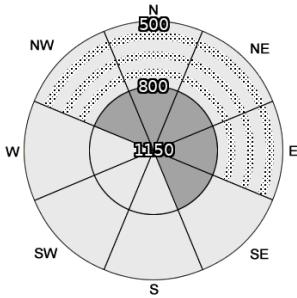


**Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 19/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 20/02/2020**



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
<b>Very High</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
<b>High</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
<b>Considerable</b>	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
<b>Moderate</b>	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
<b>Low</b>	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

**Forecast Weather Influences**

Overnight, the freezing level will be above the summits, with rain at all levels. The freezing level will then drop to 500m from early morning with light snow showers through the period. Winds will continue to be strong from the West-South-West.

**Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

Overnight, the snowpack will go through a period of wet snow instabilities, particularly on North-West through North to South-Easterly aspects above 800 metres with a Considerable hazard. Areas most affected will be corrie rims, scarp slopes and gully exits. During the day the snowpack will consolidate, re-freeze and be generally stable but with diminishing snow cover at lower elevations. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

**Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 19/02/2020**

**Observed Weather Influences**

A dry, day with strong winds from the West backing South about midday. The freezing level remained around 600 metres but started to rise in the afternoon.

**Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard**

The snowpack is starting to consolidate at all levels but weakness still exist in steep wind sheltered areas on North through East to South-East aspects above 800 metres. Areas most affected are corrie rims, scarp slopes and gully exits. Where exposed to the wind the snowpack is stable, well bonded with areas of exposed ice. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

**Mountain Conditions**

**Observed Mountain Travel Conditions**

Variety of underfoot conditions from snow ice to compact windslab. Cold and blowy on the summits but nicer out of the wind with poor visibility above 900 metres. Snow still being redistributed. Temperature increase in the afternoon.

**Comments**

Looking warm on Friday with widespread rain and gales expected before returning cold on Saturday.