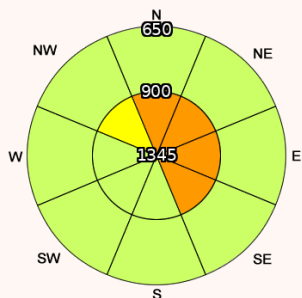


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 19/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 20/02/2020



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

Moderate to strong South-West veering West-South-West winds increasing during the forecast period. Significant rainfall at all elevations this evening as the freezing level rises above the summits. After midnight the freezing level will gradually drop to around 400m during the day. Very light snow showers expected during daylight hours.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Due to rising temperatures and significant rainfall, wet snow avalanches are likely overnight on North through East to South-East aspects. Below 900m the snowpack will consolidate. During the morning, the snowpack will start to refreeze and stabilise as the freezing level lowers. Localised areas of fresh windslab will start to form in sheltered locations although accumulations are not expected to be significant. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 19/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Moderate Southerly winds. Freezing level gradually rising from around 600m to above the summits during the late afternoon. Precipitation turning to rain at all elevations. Visibility gradually lowering from 1000m down to 800m.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Significant amounts of unstable windslab lie on North through East to South-East aspects above 900m. The snowpack stability below 900m is generally good. All other aspects are wind affected with thin cover. The rise in temperature from mid-day onwards turned the precipitation to rain. Cornice debris noted on North-East aspect. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover above 600m, poor visibility above 800m. Moderate to strong Southerly winds.

Comments

Another period of unsettled windy conditions ahead.