

THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE CONSIDERABLE

Avalanche Hazard Forecast for Thursday 20/02/2020

Avalanche Problems



Wind Slab



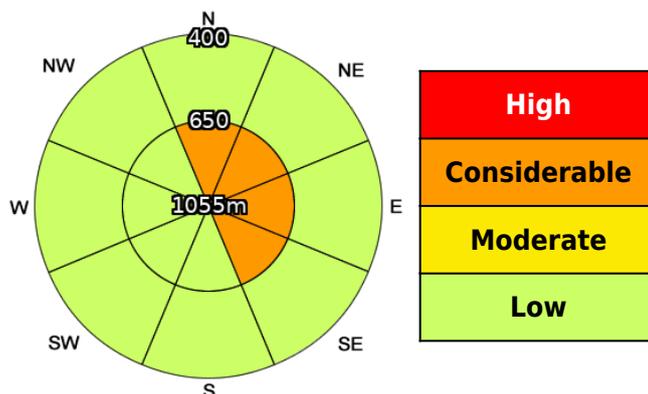
Wet Snow



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

Due to rapid thaw conditions, there will be a period of significant instability overnight in areas of moderately bonded windslab, North through East to South-East aspects above 650 metres, after which the snowpack will begin to consolidate. Localised areas of fresh unstable windslab are expected throughout the day on steep slopes, in same locations. Remaining cornices will be fragile. Wind exposed areas will be scoured. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.



Forecast Weather Influences

Rain at all levels will turn to increasingly wintry showers by midnight and continuing throughout the day as the freezing level quickly falls to around 400 metres by daybreak. Southerly gales will ease slightly overnight, becoming strong West-South-West, but strengthening Westerly by the end of the period.

Comments

The existing snowpack will continue to consolidate throughout the period. Returning to a cold showery Westerly airstream overnight, but mild, windy and wet again on Friday.



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