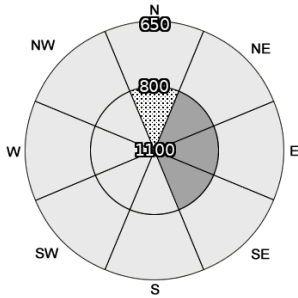


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 19/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 20/02/2020



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

Mild and wet overnight then much colder with snow showers for the rest of the day. Strong WSW throughout.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Wet snow instability overnight on N through E to S aspects above 750m. The older snowpack will become crusty and generally better consolidated at all altitudes in the early hours. During the morning new weak windslab will accumulate on NE to SE aspects above 800m becoming deeper and more widespread much later. Cornices will begin to rebuild over steeper lee slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 19/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Cold with overnight snow showers on W winds then dry with a rising freezing level. Forecasted wet period hadn't arrived at time of reporting.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Period of early poor stability then significant consolidation of all snow below 700m. Dry snow instability on steeper NE to SE aspects persisted through the morning above this altitude. Cornice triggered dry slab avalanche activity at 750m on a steep SE aspect very early in the day. Large new cornices over steepest lee slopes. Anticipated mild and wet weather had not affected the area at the time of reporting. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow at all altitudes - very hard going on foot. Knee deep at 600m! A day of flat light and no definition. Winds 20 -30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts

Comments

Period of poorest stability expected to be later in the day.