

THE AVALANCHE HAZARD WILL BE CONSIDERABLE

Avalanche Hazard Forecast for Friday 21/02/2020

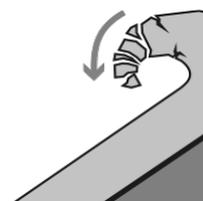
Avalanche Problems



Wind Slab



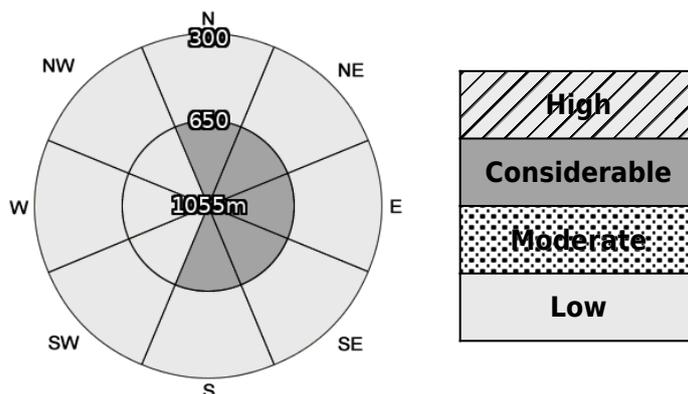
Wet Snow



Cornices

Forecast Snow Stability & Avalanche Hazard

There will be a period of heightened snowpack instability in the morning as a rapid thaw and rain affects existing unstable windslab. Most affected will be steep ridge flanks, coire rims, backwalls and gullies, North through East to South aspects, above 650 metres, where avalanches are likely. Cornices will be prone to collapse. Some snowpack consolidation expected later in the period. Windward aspects will be scoured and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.



Forecast Weather Influences

Snow showers will peter out overnight turning to rain at all levels in the morning, returning to scattered showers later, wintry on the highest summits. The freezing level will rise above the summits overnight, lowering to 1000 metres in the afternoon. The wind will generally be strong West-South-West, strengthening to severe gale force for a time in the morning.

Comments

Another freeze-thaw cycle tomorrow, followed by a cold showery airflow thereafter. Hard going through deep drifts of soft snow particularly at lower elevations.



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