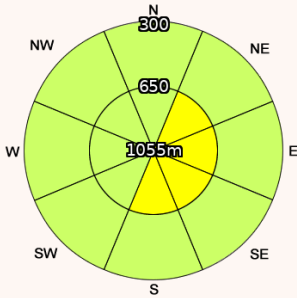


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 22/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 23/02/2020



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

Strong gale force West-South-West winds will gradually decrease in strength becoming fresh West to West-North-West by the evening. There will be moderate persistent snow showers throughout the period easing by the late afternoon. The freezing level will remain at around 350 metres overnight then rise to 600 metres later.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing older snowpack will continue to consolidate and stabilise in the cool temperatures. However snow will continue to drift onto North-East through East to South aspects above 650 metres. These moderately bonded windslab instabilities will gain depth and affect wind sheltered coire rims, ridge flanks and gullies. Fragile cornices will also be present. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 22/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a day of strong gale force Westerly winds. There were some rain showers in the glen with wintry snow showers above 400 metres. Some occasional, but brief brighter sunny periods this morning.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh amounts of moderately bonded windslab have gained depth on North-East to South-East aspects above 650 metres affecting wind sheltered coire rims, ridge flanks and gullies. Wind exposed terrain features on West to South-West aspects have become scoured with an icy surface crust on some of the wind swept terrain. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Hard snow ice on some exposed windward slopes. Snow cover better above 800 metres. Sometimes cloudy on the tops with occasional bright spells. Winds approx 50 - 60 mph progress very difficult with potential to be taken off our feet.

Comments

The cold and unstable Westerly airflow will continue.