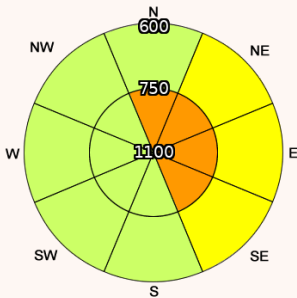


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 22/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 23/02/2020



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

No letup in the wintry weather. Snow showers throughout the forecast period. Strong WSW winds will ease a little later. Remaining cold.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Much deeper, more extensive and very weak windslab will be present on all steep N through E to SE aspects above 750m, where avalanches are likely. Cornices over steeper recent lee slopes will be weak and prone to sudden collapse. Ridge crests and windward slopes will offer the best safe travel options as they will be scoured to hard snow ice or vegetation. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 22/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Cold with frequent snow showers throughout the period. Very strong WSW winds.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weak windslab has built quickly on steep N through E to SE aspects above 800m. Poor stability in these locations at the time of reporting and expected to decline further later. New weak cornices have begun to build over all very steep lee slopes. Powerful winds have scoured all windward slopes exposing a hard crust at higher altitudes. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow cover at all levels - some exposed ridges scoured. Poor visibility in clouds and snow showers. Winds approx 50 - 60 mph progress very difficult with potential to be taken off your feet

Comments

Ridge crests and windward slopes offer the safest travel options at the moment. No respite from the wintry weather on Sunday or Monday.