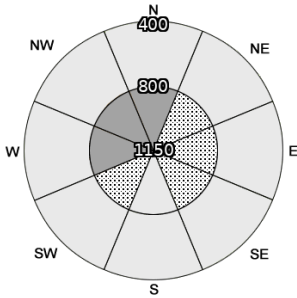


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 23/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Mon 24/02/2020



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

Dry conditions overnight with new snow heavy at times through the day. It will remain cold with freezing levels of around 300 metres. Westerly winds overnight will back to the East and strengthen becoming strong to gale force for a time. Winds will decrease later and back to the North-East.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Stability on wind exposed slopes will generally be good with an icy crust in many areas. Moderate to weakly bonded windslab will initially exist in sheltered gullies and on slopes with a North-Easterly to South-Easterly aspect. As new snow and Easterly winds affect the area fresh accumulations of unstable windslab will form on South-Westerly to Northerly aspects mainly above 800 metres. Fresh cornices will be weakly bonded. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 23/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Snow showers heavy at times were driven on by mainly strong Westerly winds. The freezing level rose through the day to around 700 metres. Becoming drier overnight.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Colder and windy conditions have stabilised many areas of older snow with an icy crust forming above 800 metres. Strong winds, snow showers and wind transport have formed unstable windslab in sheltered areas. Greatest deposits are in sheltered gullies and on slopes with a North-East to South-Easterly aspect mainly above 850 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

New snow falling above 350m some heavy drifting at higher altitudes. Poor visibility in clouds and snow showers. Winds 20 -30 mph with stronger gusts.

Comments

Wind exposed slopes will generally be stable but with a firm, icy and unforgiving surface in the event of a slip. Variable winds and new snow will form areas of unstable windslab on a variety of aspects, older windslab will remain suspect.