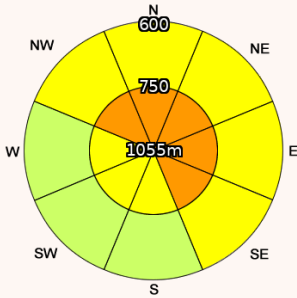


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 24/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Tue 25/02/2020



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

Moderate East-North-East winds will become more South-Westerly overnight then becoming strong West-South-West by the end of the period. Moderate snow showers are forecast. The freezing level will remain at around 300 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

At first unstable windslab will remain and deepen on South through West to North-West aspects above 600 metres. By tomorrow there will be significant redistribution of snow building poorly bonded unstable windslab onto North-West through East to South-East aspects. Areas most affected will be wind sheltered coire rims, gullies and ridge flanks above 750 metres. Cross loading and fragile cornices will also be evident. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 24/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a cold day with fresh Easterly winds. The freezing level was around 300 metres. Visibility was very poor.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Poorly bonded windslab has accumulated on South through West to North-West aspects above 600 metres. A widespread breakable surface crust has formed on most aspects. Fragile cornices are also present. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Improving snow cover at all altitudes - breakable crust on many locations. Very poor visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

The cold showery westerly airstream will continue for the next few days.