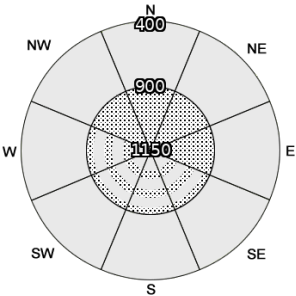


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 25/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 26/02/2020



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

Westerly winds will be generally fresh occasionally strong. Dry conditions overnight with mainly light showers of snow through the day. The freezing level will be around 350 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older snowpack where exposed will remain firm with an icy surface. Areas of older moderately bonded windslab will exist in sheltered areas such as gullies and on slopes of West through North to Easterly aspects. New snow and Westerly winds will form fresh accumulations of windslab on North-Easterly to South-Easterly aspects mainly above 850 metres, these new accumulations are not expected to be deep or extensive. Cornices will remain fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 25/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Calmer conditions with some sun and light snow showers. Winds have been moderate to fresh mainly South-Westerly. The freezing level was around 500 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older snowpack is firm with an icy surface where exposed. Variable winds of late have formed deep drifts of soft snow. Areas of deep moderately bonded windslab exist in sheltered locations on slopes of a West through North to Easterly aspect mainly above 900 metres. Gully exits and steep corrie headwalls in particular are affected, fragile cornices exist above many of these locations. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions	Wind scoured and icy on exposed aspects with some deep drifting into lee areas of many aspects. Clear spells with sun at times, poor visibility in clouds and light snow showers. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh from the South-West.
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Comments	Deeper accumulations of windslab will remain weakly bonded particularly in sheltered areas such as gullies. Exposed old snow is firm, icy and unforgiving in the event of a slip.
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