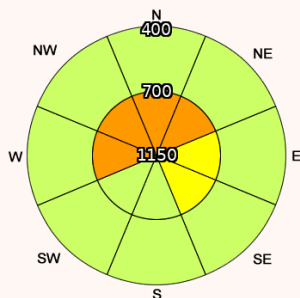


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 27/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 28/02/2020



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

Winds will be strong South-West backing South-South-East by tomorrow morning becoming strong East-South- East. There will be heavy snow showers through the period. The freezing level will rise from 300 metres to around 400 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New and redistributed snow will continue to build deep and extensive areas of unstable wind slab in wind sheltered locations. Greatest accumulations will be on West through North to South-East aspects above 700m where avalanches are likely. Cross loading and localised accumulations with remaining underlying weaknesses will persist. Instabilities mainly affecting coire rims, gullies, ridge flanks and crag aprons. Fragile cornices will continue to form. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 27/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Winds have been strong West-North-West with only occasional bright periods. There has been heavy hill snow showers, the freezing level was around 400 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Areas of wind slab have continued to develop in wind sheltered locations. Greatest accumulations are on North- West through East to South aspects above 700 metres on slopes, gullies and ridge flanks. Cornices have grown. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow at all altitudes - very hard going on foot. Knee deep at 650m! Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells. Winds 30-40 mph, progress difficult and tiring.

Comments

Snow showers continuing, a brief rise in freezing levels on Friday night but soon to lower again, the melt freeze cycle continues.