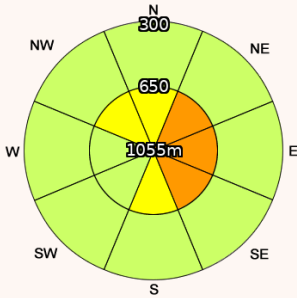


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 27/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 28/02/2020



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

Wintry showers will peter out overnight giving a largely dry morning with further light snow showers in the afternoon. The fresh West wind will back South overnight, strengthening by daybreak, but easing fresh again later and backing East-South-East. After a dip to 350 metres overnight, the freezing level will hover around 500 metres through the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Weaknesses in the snowpack will persist in areas of existing and fresh windslab that have accumulated in steep sheltered locations, mainly North through East to South aspects above 650 metres. Areas most affected will be ridge flanks, coire rims and gullies. Small amounts of fresh windslab will form on North-West and North aspects later. Cornices will remain fragile. Exposed Westerly aspects will remain scoured and icy in places. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 27/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Snow showers persisted through the day, some heavy and prolonged, with drifting in the fresh to strong Westerly wind. It remained cold, but the freezing level rose through the day from 200 metres overnight to around 500 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab continues to persist in steep sheltered locations, mainly North through East to South aspects above 650 metres. Areas most affected are ridge flanks, coire rims and gullies. Other aspects are affected due to cross loading. Cornices remain fragile. Some snow loss at lower elevations. Aspects exposed to the wind are scoured and icy in places. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Areas of deep snow cover at most levels - some exposed ridges scoured. A day largely of flat light and poor definition. Winds approximately 10 - 20 mph fresh and cooling with stronger gusts during the showers.

Comments

Remaining cold except for a brief rise in temperature to above summit levels Friday night into Saturday.