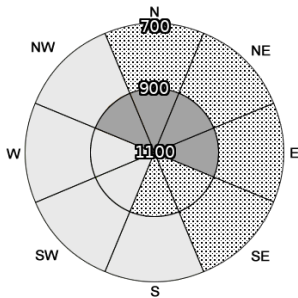


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 27/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 28/02/2020



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

There will be further snow showers throughout the forecast period. Remaining cool with Freezing levels below 600 metres. A moderate North Westerly airflow overnight will turn strong, South-South-Easterly during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Above 850 metres areas of poorly bonded windslab will persist in wind sheltered places mainly on North-East and Easterly aspects. New accumulations will also develop as the day progresses on North-Westerly and Northerly aspects. Growing, weak and collapse prone cornices will overhang most of these steeper places. Better stability below 700 metres and on all windward aspects and ridge crests. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 27/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Cold with occasional snow showers overnight and during the day, these became more prolonged later in the afternoon. The winds have been moderate West and West-South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Some consolidation of recent accumulations is taking place and below 700 metres in all locations stability is good, less so above 900 metres, where deeper accumulations of poorly bonded firm windslab exist; particularly on North-Easterly and East aspects. Weak cornices overhang many of these locations. Windward slopes at high altitude are scoured and here stability is good. The avalanche hazard is Considerable

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow at all altitudes - very hard going on foot. Knee deep at 600m! Cloudy on the tops with some bright spells. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh, cooling etc

Comments

Snow to all levels with good cover generally above 500 metres