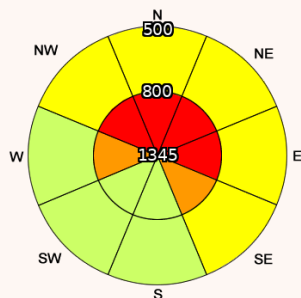


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Fri 28/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sat 29/02/2020



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 to fresh South-Easterly winds veer South-Westerly for a time around dawn before backing South-South-Easterly and becoming strong. The freezing level will slowly rise to around 1400 metres in the latter part of the night before quickly falling to 300 metres during the day. Showers will turn from snow to rain on all but the highest summits overnight before returning to snow to low levels during the day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Large areas of unstable snow will be present mainly on West through North to South-East aspects above 800 metres. Avalanches will occur in these locations particularly in the milder overnight conditions. Stability will start to improve during the day but instabilities will persist in deeper accumulations. Fresh unstable windslab will also be deposited during the day with greatest accumulations on West through North to East aspects above 800 metres. Cornices! The avalanche hazard will be High.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Fri 28/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Strong South-South-East winds and snow showers. Freezing level around 650 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Large areas of poorly bonded windslab are developing mainly on West through North to North-East aspects and persisting on East and South-East aspects above 800 metres. Avalanche activity reported high on a North-East aspect today. Fragile cornices above many aspects. The avalanche hazard is High.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow, hard going on foot, with heavy drifting. Poor visibility with whiteout conditions at times. Winds 30-50 mph, progress difficult and tiring.

Comments