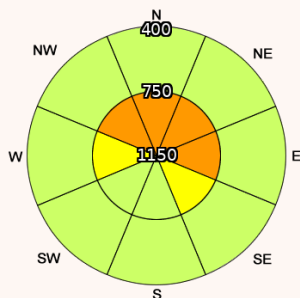


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 29/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 01/03/2020



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

It will remain cold, the freezing level at around 400 metres with snow showers through the complete period, often heavy at times. Winds will be strong West-South-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New accumulations of weakly bonded windslab will form in wind sheltered areas adding to an existing unstable snowpack. Greatest instabilities will be on steep Northerly through East to South-Easterly aspects above 750 metres. Areas particularly affected are coire rims, ridge flanks, gullies and scarp slopes where avalanches are likely. Other aspects may also be affected by cross loading with localised instabilities and cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 29/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Last night, milder conditions with some rain at all levels. The freezing level then fell in the early hours of this morning with light new snow falling down to 300 metres on South-Westerly winds. Today has mostly been dry with fresh to strong Southerly winds and freezing at around 400 metres. Snow showers resumed mid to late afternoon.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

There is a melt freeze/rain crust on the surface of the snowpack this has helped to marginally improve stability. However, new accumulations and existing windslab weakness still persist, mainly on steep North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 800 metres. Cornices on similar aspects are fragile. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover above 300 metres. Deeper snow mainly 550m, knee deep at higher elevations but also a break through melt freeze crust in places. Reasonable visibility until later afternoon. Southerly winds approx 20 mph.

Comments

Remaining wintry for next couple of days, lighter winds forecast Monday and Tuesday. Good weather forecast for Wednesday and part of Thursday!