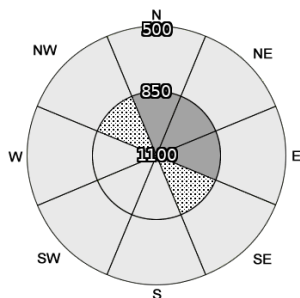


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 29/02/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 01/03/2020



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 cool with the Freezing level staying below 600 metres. Further snow showers are forecast throughout the period. The winds will be fresh to strong; initially South-Easterly then South-West before becoming West- South-Westerly overnight.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Instabilities will persist above 850 metres with new, dry, moderately bonded windslab development in high sheltered lee locations; these mainly on North through North-East to Easterly aspects. Some cross-loading will occur onto steep incised gully flanks of North-West and South-Easterly aspects. Remaining cornices will again begin to develop around coire rims of these aspects. Better stability on ridges and wind exposed locations. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 29/02/2020

Observed Weather Influences

After some overnight rain to all levels it became cooler during the day with only the occasional shower. The fresh South-Westerly winds strengthen South-South-East accompanied by some sunshine.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Overnight saw a period of poor stability with some cornice triggered avalanche activity; event noted at 780m on a steep Easterly aspect. Thereafter the fluctuation in temperature and the return to cooler conditions brought much improved overall stability below 850 metres and a general consolidation of the snowpack. Above 950 metres latent instabilities persist in the deepest accumulations, on mainly North to Easterly aspects. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow cover at all levels - some exposed ridges scoured. Poor visibility throughout the day above 800 metres. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph fresh.

Comments

Winter continues...