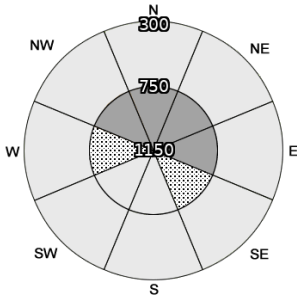


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Mon 02/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Tue 03/03/2020



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

Scattered snow showers throughout this period, these merging into longer periods of snow this evening and overnight, falling as rain below around 500 metres. Strong to gale force South-Westerly summit winds veering Westerly overnight and easing through the day with less precipitation. The freezing level fluctuating but mainly at around 600 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Further, new unstable windslab will form mainly on North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 750 metres where avalanches are likely. Areas particularly affected are coire rims, ridge flanks, gullies and scarp slopes. Other aspects will be affected due to cross loading. Instabilities will also persist in the older snowpack where deep unstable accumulations already exist particularly above 850 metres on similar aspects. Cornices will be fragile. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Mon 02/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

The freezing level was around 400 metres. Overnight, and through this morning snow showers fell above 300 metres these were accompanied by strong South-Westerly winds giving whiteout conditions at times. It was brighter and drier in the afternoon but strong winds continued to drift and scour.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

New accumulations of unstable windslab have continued to form in wind sheltered locations, field tests gave significant failures. Greatest instabilities exist on steep North-West through North to Easterly aspects above 750 metres. Areas particularly affected are coire rims, gullies, ridge flanks, and scarp slopes. Other aspects have been affected due to loading with pockets of localised instabilities. Cornices are fragile. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover mainly above 300 metres. Deeper deposits above 550m, drifting and deep accumulations at higher elevations. Visibility was generally poor above 500 metres this morning, brighter and clearer in the afternoon. Strong South-Westerly winds approx 20-40 mph.

Comments

Currently avalanche activity is being reported daily.