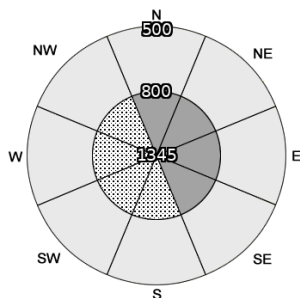


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 04/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Thu 05/03/2020



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

After a generally dry night a few snow showers are expected during the day. The freezing level will be around 600 metres. Moderate winds will be from the South-South-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Little change is expected in the snowpack. Significant areas of moderately bonded windslab will remain on North through East to South-East aspects above 800 metres. Some fresh shallow but poorly bonded deposits are expected to form during the day at the tops of slopes and gullies. Large and fragile cornices will remain. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 04/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

There were a couple of very light snow showers during the day, otherwise it remained dry. The freezing level was around 700 metres. Winds were from the South-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is slowly consolidating in the relatively settled conditions. However, significant areas of moderately bonded windslab remain above 800 metres. These are mainly but not exclusively on North through East to South-East aspects. Some large and fragile cornices exist. Evidence of both recent cornice collapse and slab avalanche activity was noted on an Easterly aspect at 1200 meters and a North-Easterly aspects at 1100 metres. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Good snow cover above 600 metres, hard going on foot. Some cloud on the summits but good visibility at lower levels. Winds approx 10 - 20 mph.

Comments

Some good winter conditions in Lochaber at the moment. However, care require particularly regarding cornices.