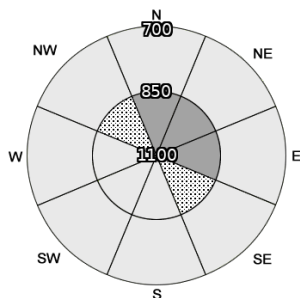


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 07/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 08/03/2020



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

There will be a return to cooler conditions overnight, with further snow showers continuing throughout the day. The winds will be West-South-West, later South-Westerly. The Freezing level will lower again overnight to around 700 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fluctuating temperatures with the return to cooler conditions will help to re-freeze and stabilise all existing accumulations above 700 meters. As the day progresses, in high sheltered lee locations, above 850 metres new windslab will again begin to develop and achieve depth. Most affected areas will be steeper North to East facing gullies and coire backwalls. Some new cornice development will also begin to build above these aspects. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 07/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It has been a mild, showery and damp day. The strong South-South-Westerly airflow brought rain to all elevations as the Freezing Level rose to well above summits.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Transitional wet snow instabilities resulted from the overnight temperature rise and associated rain. Some cornice collapse activity was noted on steep Easterly aspects, with creep lines developing on some selected, steep Easterly aspects below 800 metres. Residual large weak cornices still prevail over many steep NE to SE facing coire rims and gullies. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep wet snow above 400m - very hard going on foot. Knee deep at 600m! 80 percent of cloud cover at mid-day Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

Return of cooler conditions again overnight