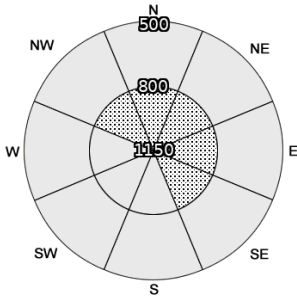


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 07/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 08/03/2020



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

Overnight the freezing level will drop to around 700 metres where it will remain. Through the day showers will fall as snow above 600 metres. Winds will be from the South-West.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The existing snowpack will consolidate and stabilise in the colder conditions. However, through the day fresh areas of moderate to poorly windslab will accumulate above 800 metres in sheltered areas on mainly Northerly to Easterly aspects. The tops of slopes and gullies will be most affected. Windward aspects will be frozen and stable. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 07/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Overnight the freezing level rose well above the summits where it remained. Persistent rain fell through most of the day. Strong winds were from the South.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack is going through a period of instability as it becomes wet. Wet snow instabilities exist in the windslab which lies on steep slopes and gullies. Most affected are North to East aspects above 800 metres. A large wet snow avalanche occurred this morning on a North-Easterly aspect at around 900 metres with debris running down to below 400 metres. Some large cornices exist and these are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Wet snow throughout. Poor visibility at higher levels. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

Comments

A very wet day on the hills on Saturday. Potentially becoming very icy at higher level as the freezing level drops.