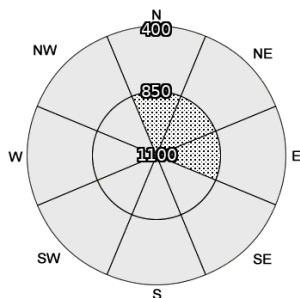


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 08/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Mon 09/03/2020



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

Some further isolated snow showers above 500 metres will become more prolonged by end of the period. The fresh South-Westerly winds will moderate, before increasing again West-South-West, then South-West and finally strong Southerly by the end of the day. The Freezing level will fluctuate around 700 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Above 850 metres new, moderately bonded windslab will continue to develop and achieve depth, particularly towards the end of the period. Most affected areas will be high sheltered, steep N to E facing gullies and coire backwalls. New cornice development also developing above these aspects. The majority of older accumulations elsewhere will remain generally well bonded, and the stability is much improved; best still on all wind exposed slopes and ridges. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 08/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Showers have affected the area throughout the day; these fell variously as rain, sleet and then snow above 700 metres. Winds have been fresh to strong West-South-Westerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snowpack has undergone a period of consolidation and is generally well bonded in most locations. At highest elevations above 950 metres some new windslab accumulations are developing on mainly North to East aspects; at time of reporting these have not, as yet achieved significant depth. Localised wet snow instabilities persist below 700m where some selected, steeply inclined slopes are overhung by cornice build up. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deep snow cover above 400m - some exposed ridges scoured. Poor visibility during showers, throughout the day above 700 metres. Winds approx 40 - 50 mph making progress very difficult and strenuous.

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