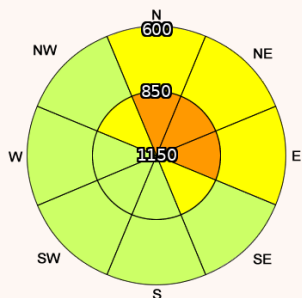


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 10/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 11/03/2020



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

Dry conditions overnight then a band of frequent and heavy snow showers will affect the area on Wednesday. The freezing level will be around 600 metres overnight lowering to 300 metres by the end of the day. Winds will be strong to gale mainly West-South-Westerly.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

With a return to colder conditions the old snowpack will re-freeze becoming icy particularly in exposed locations. New snow and West-South-Westerly winds will form areas of weakly bonded windslab in sheltered gullies and on slopes with a North through East to South-Easterly aspect mainly above 850 metres, gully exits, steep scarp slopes and sheltered hollows will be most affected. Fresh cornices will be prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 10/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Mild conditions affected the area overnight with rain at all levels. It is becoming cooler through today with generally light showers of rain, sleet and snow above 800 metres. Winds have been from the South-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A period of higher instability occurred overnight as the mild wet conditions saturated the snowpack. Avalanche and cornice debris was noted on an Easterly aspect. Cooler conditions are now assisting the consolidation process. Wet snow instabilities remain on the steepest slopes mainly with a North to South-East aspect above 850 metres. Cornices are prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, good above 800 metres. Cloudy on the tops most of day. Winds 20 -30 mph.

Comments

Very windy over all ridges and summits with storm force on the tops.