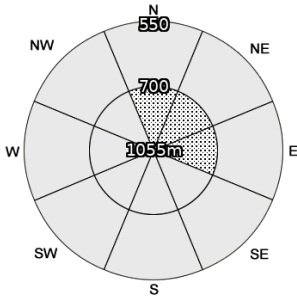


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Tue 10/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Wed 11/03/2020



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

Gale force West-South-West winds will back South-West overnight and then veer West-South-West by tomorrow morning, remaining strong. There will be heavy snow showers tonight, becoming lighter by the afternoon. The freezing level will fluctuate around 550 meters then lower to around 300 meters by Wednesday afternoon.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The moist snow pack will re-freeze overnight improving stability. However new snow will drift on to North to South- East aspects above 700 metres. These wind slab accumulations will be moderately well bonded, mostly affecting wind sheltered coire rims, gullies and ridge flanks. Cornices will also develop here. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Tue 10/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

It has been day of strong Westerly winds, some drizzle at first, but a nice dry period in the morning with showers again in the afternoon. There were some occasional bright periods with variable visibility on the tops. The freezing level was above the summits and began lowering as the day progressed.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow pack is depleting at lower levels with some lingering wet snow instabilities present. The older snow pack is moist and generally well bonded, although there are some localised wind slab instabilities accumulating on North to East aspects above 800 meters. Any remaining cornices are unstable. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Diminishing snowpack, better above 600 metres. Clearer in the morning with variable visibility later. Winds 30 -40 mph, progress difficult and tiring at higher levels.

Comments

A heavy band of snow showers is expected. The freezing level is gradually lowering to around 300 meters by tomorrow afternoon.