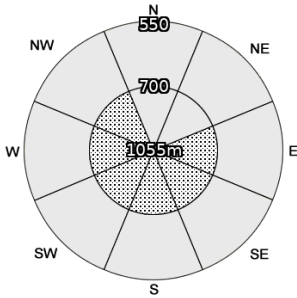


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Thu 12/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Fri 13/03/2020



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

A strong Northerly airflow overnight decreasing in strength by tomorrow morning becoming fresh South-East. There will be light snow showers this evening then remaining dry for the rest of the period. The freezing level will lower gradually from 450 metres to around 250 metres tomorrow.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The snow pack will remain firm and generally stable in the cooler temperatures. There will be redistribution of snow throughout the period. This evening and overnight, windslab will continue to accumulate and gain depth on E through S to SW aspects above 700m. Later new windslab instabilities will build onto South through West to North-West aspects above 700m, mostly affecting steep wind sheltered terrain. Cornices will develop here also. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Thu 12/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

There have been heavy snow showers throughout the day these falling a sleet at lower levels. Visibility was poor in the hills. Winds have been strong Southerly.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The older snow pack has firmed up with a general improvement in stability on all aspects. Windslab instabilities have accumulated and deepened mainly onto North through East aspects above 700m affecting steep wind sheltered terrain such as gullies, coire rims and ridge flanks. There was some initial redistribution of snow from Northerly aspects onto Southerly aspects. Cornices have also seen some growth. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow to the road side but with better cover above 500 m, drifting at higher altitudes. Poor visibility throughout the day above 600 metres. Winds 20 -30 mph.

Comments

Low pressure moving East with a cold showery Northerly airflow overnight.