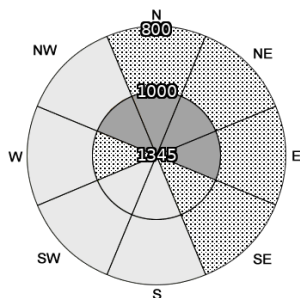


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sat 14/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Sun 15/03/2020



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 from 1200 metres to around 700 metres. Overnight the winds will be strong generally South-South-Westerly, then during the morning will veer to North-North-Westerly and ease a little. Occasional showers are expected throughout the period falling as snow above about 700 metres.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Unstable windslab will persist, mainly on North-West through North to East aspects above 1000 metres. Below 1000 metres the existing snowpack will consolidate and stabilise as the freezing level drops. Fresh windslab will be deposited in sheltered areas mainly on North through East to South-East aspects above 800 metres. This windslab is not expected to be particularly extensive or deep. The avalanche hazard will be Considerable.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sat 14/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Winds were strong generally Southerly. Snow showers above 600 metres overnight, above 900 metres during the late morning. During the day the freezing level rose from 650 metres to around 1100 metres.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

Fresh moderately and poorly bonded windslab continues to be deposited in sheltered areas, mainly on North-West to North-East aspects above 800 metres. Older windslab persists mainly on North to East aspects above 800 metres. West aspects are also affected. During the day instabilities increased as the freezing level rose and snow turned increasingly to rain. Cornices are weak and prone to collapse. The avalanche hazard is Considerable.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Snow cover above 600m with significant drifting at higher levels. Very poor visibility at higher levels. Winds 30-40 mph, with stronger gusts.

Comments