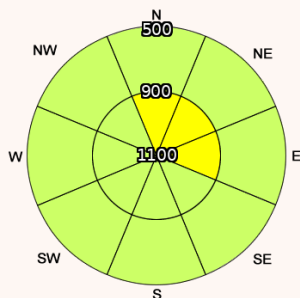


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Sun 15/03/2020 TO 18:00HRS Mon 16/03/2020



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

Mostly dry with some snow above 700 metres towards end of the period. The Freezing level will remain below summits throughout; around 600 metres before rising to around 800 metres by end of the day. Moderate North-Westerly winds will back West overnight, increasing to very strong South-West by the start of day.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

The return of cooler conditions will continue to consolidate accumulations at all elevations. Some new marginally stabilised windslab will form on very steep North to East aspects above 800m towards the end of the day. Minor new cornice development also expected over steepest lee slopes. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Sun 15/03/2020

Observed Weather Influences

Showers throughout with rain at lower altitudes; some bright spells in between. It has been mild overnight, cooling as the day progressed. Strong South-South-West winds then variable West-North-West.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

At lower elevations the snow is now very soft and wet; numerous small single point roller ball activity was noted on selected, steep South-Easterly aspects below 700m. Above this, whilst past fluctuating and now cooling temperatures are promoting a consolidating trend some new marginally stabilised windslab is forming, on very steep North to East aspects above 900m. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Soft snow cover above 500 metres - some exposed ridges scoured. Poor visibility throughout the day in showers above 800 metres. Winds 20-30 mph progress difficult at times with stronger gusts

Comments